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## Heather Farver Appointed Treasurer of NCAI Youth Commission

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has appointed Pokagon Band citizen Heather Farver as treasurer of its Youth Commission. This two-year appointment will provide Farver with valuable insight on issues affecting Native communities nationwide and will allow her to interact with young Native Americans from all parts of the U.S.

Founded in 1944, NCAI unites Native Americans throughout the country in an effort to protect their sovereign rights. As a major national tribal government organization, NCAI is dedicated to preserving rights under Indian treaties with the United States, promoting the welfare of Native Americans, and educating the general public about Native Americans to create a better understanding of their cultures.

The Youth Commission was created in 1997 to give Native high school and college students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. Additionally, the commission provides networking and leadership opportunities while teaching students how tribal government works.

As treasurer, Farver will meet with other members of the Youth Commission three times per year at the NCAI conferences and participate in monthly conference calls. She



Heather Farver working hard at her desk in the administration building.

will assist in creating a budget for fundraising and formulate meeting agendas. Youth Commissioners have the opportunity to interact with and learn from tribal leaders and are included in their monthly teleconference meetings. Members of the commission are also called upon by outside agencies to speak on issues concerning Native youth.

Farver hopes to take the knowledge she gains from her involvement with the Youth Commission to start a Youth Council within the Pokagon Band. She wants to raise awareness of opportunities for youth within the tribe and encourage young members to get involved. Attending tribal events, joining committees, and

taking advantage of the many higher education programs available are just a few ways to ensure that the core values of the tribe are passed on to the next generation of tribal leaders.

Heather's involvement with the tribe includes serving on the pow wow committee and interning within the human resources department. Her internship responsibilities include assisting with daily office tasks and employee evaluations. She has also contributed research for the development of a new compensation grid. Previously, Heather interned in the human resources department at Four Winds Casino Resort where she focused on employee relations and benefits. She also developed a new filing system within the department.

Farver attends Western Michigan University where she majors in Human Resource Management. Upon graduation in December 2011, she hopes to be hired into the tribe's human resources department. She plans to become more involved in the tribe by joining additional committees and will continue to educate young members about opportunities for involvement within and beyond the tribe. Heather has a goal of eventually being elected to the Tribal Council.

Congratulations and best wishes to Heather as she embarks on this exciting endeavor.

## Pokagon Band Launches Historic IUPUI Partnership

For the first time in two hundred years, Native Americans and educators came together on November 18 to partner and plan for the future of education for Native Americans in Indiana. In an historic ceremony in Indianapolis, Chairman Wesaw and tribal council members Steve Winchester, Troy Clay and John T. Warren signed an agreement with Chancellor Charles R. Bantz of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) to develop educational and cultural preservation programs for the Pokagon Band. The occasion was reminiscent of a treaty signing, as Chairman Wesaw and Bantz signed a proclamation formalizing the relationship and council members draped a special Pokagon blanket around the shoulders of the chancellor.



Council members Steve Winchester, John Warren and Troy Clay watch as Chairman Wesaw signs the IUPUI partnership agreement. IUPUI Chancellor Bantz, third from right, looks on.

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## Ethics Board Members Positioned to Serve Tribal Citizens

By Jennifer Dougherty

For the first time since its creation in August 2010, the Pokagon Band has full membership on the Ethics Board. The Board is comprised of three tribal citizens, Ronald Sorce, David Molnar, and Joseph Topash, RN. Board members are responsible for ensuring that all Pokagon Band officials and employees are observing the standards of ethical conduct, upholding the dignity and honor of their offices and positions, and safeguarding the Pokagon Band against any illegal or unethical conduct. Members of the Board meet monthly to address complaints and other matters concerning possible code violations.

**Ronald Sorce, Ethics Board Chairman**, lived in the Chicago area for twenty years and worked for a global leader specializing in corporate travel management. While interested in becoming involved in tribal government, his distance from tribal headquarters posed a challenge and limited the amount of time he would have been able to dedicate to activities. After relocating to Southwestern Michigan last year, increased tribal involvement became a reality. Sorce applied for a position on the Ethics Board where he could utilize his experience with reviewing procedures, policies and contracts to ensure maximum performance and compliancy.

“What I bring to the table is a new and open mind with no previous associations that might conflict with the principles of our Ethics Code,” said Sorce. His current professional

role is to oversee the travel program of a Fortune 100 client.

**Vice Chairman of the Ethics Board, David Molnar**, has been a resident of Houston, Texas for the past 18 years. “I have marveled from afar at the development and growth of our sovereign nation,” stated Molnar. He looks forward to being able to contribute to the tribe in many practical and helpful ways.

Molnar works for Continental Airlines, now the New United Airlines, as General Manager at the Dallas Love Field. He is responsible for maintaining accountability for the overall performance of Continental Airlines, Inc. from that location. His duties include regulatory compliance, station controls, policies and procedures, budgeting, audits and overall integrity. His experience translates well to the needs of the Ethics Board. Despite the distance from Houston to Michigan, Molnar is committed to fulfill his duty on the board and is dedicated to upholding the values of the Ethics Code.

**Joseph Topash, Ethics Board Member-at-Large**, of Marcellus, Michigan has been an active member of the tribe for many years. He is involved in tribal culture through traditions and dance, and has also carried the Navy/Marine Corps Veterans Corpsman Eagle Staff.

Joseph has worked in the medical field for the past 28 years as a Nurse Assistant, Nurse Technician, and a Staff Nurse before progressing to nursing management. He spent six years in the United States Navy/Marine Corps as an independent duty corpsman and served time

in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield. He has written policies and procedures for a number of organizations and businesses, and his knowledge of medical ethics and confidentiality practices will translate well to meet the needs of the Ethics Board.

“I have a very strong desire to serve all tribal citizens,” said Topash. “I look forward to serving in this capacity and thank you for the opportunity.”

While the Ethics Code was enacted in 2008, there was no governing body to identify potential code violations or to determine appropriate sanctions and penalties until the creation of the Ethics Board. Tremendous progress has been made since the Board was seated in August. Under the guidance of tribal associate general counsel Ed Williams, they have developed new processes, procedures, and

official documentation critical to the operations of the Board. While they have much more work ahead of them, they are ready to reach out to the Tribal Citizens they serve and let them know that they are ready and available to support them.

The Ethics Board will be much more visible to Tribal Citizens in the coming months. The newsletter will contain detailed information on how Tribal Citizens can access important documents such as complaint and gift disclosure forms. In the meantime, an explanation on how to file a complaint or request an advisory opinion can be found in the Ethics Code posted on our website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov). The Board can also be reached by email at [ethics.board@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:ethics.board@pokagonband-nsn.gov), or by phone at 269-462-4286. All messages will be returned by a member of the Board.



Julie Rodriguez swears in the newest members of Elders Council, December 11. From left to right: at-large member Ruth Saldivar, Chair Jeanette Mollett and Secretary Audrey Huston

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

[newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)



## Pokagon Band National Flag Dedicated at the Chicago American Indian Center

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Chicago American Indian Center hosted its 57th Annual Pow Wow at Navy Pier on November 20. This particular pow wow was especially significant to the Pokagon Band because their national tribal flag was presented and dedicated. The dedication commemorated the ongoing relationship the tribe has with the City of Chicago. The Pokagon flag takes its place among other tribal flags on display at the Center.

Pokagon Chairman Matthew Wesaw spoke at the dedication event. Also in attendance were members of the Tribal Council, Traditions Committee and the Veterans Group. The flag was escorted by an honor guard composed of veterans from the Pokagon Band. Chairman Wesaw represented the tribe at the ceremony in honoring tribal member Leroy Wesaw Sr. for his many years of involvement in Native American affairs.

Leroy Wesaw Sr. resided in Chicago for more than thirty years, was a member of the American Indian Center, a graduate of the Native American Education Services (NAES) College in Chicago, and the founder of the Chicago Canoe Club. Chairman Wesaw read a note written by Leroy's son, Colin, who was unable to attend the event. Colin wrote of his father's efforts to help the Pokagons gain re-recognition by the government. He wrote, "When my dad got back into his culture I remember going back home with him where he would sit with other



Roger Williams and Chairman Wesaw present the Pokagon Band's national flag to Joseph Podlasek (Ojibwe), the director of the Chicago American Indian Center, at the annual pow wow sponsored by the Center.

Pokagon members, going over files, wanting to get our Nation recognized by the government so we could get what is rightfully ours: our life as Pokagon Indians again. He wasn't alive to see it come true, but I will always know that he was a part of getting our rights restored to our people."

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has had a connection to the city of Chicago dating back to its establishment. In September 1833, Pokagon patriarch Leopold Pokagon signed the Treaty of Chicago. This was the last cession treaty concerning present day Chicago. Pokagon negotiated an exception that allowed the Pokagon Potawatomi to remain in Michigan. Unlike other tribes that were forced west or relocated to parts of Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, Canada

and Mexico, the Pokagon Band retained an important presence in Chicago. Pokagons proudly fought to retain their unique Native identities while seeking inclusion to the ever-changing American mainstream.

Simon Pokagon, Leopold Pokagon's son, continued his father's legacy by speaking before a crowd of 70,000 on "Chicago Day" at the World's Columbian Exposition on October 9, 1893. As the featured speaker, Simon advocated for tolerance and inclusion. During the fair, he rang a replica of the Liberty Bell, rode a float in the parade, umpired a lacrosse game and presented a "deed" of Chicago to the mayor of the city. Copies of his small book entitled "The Red Man's Greeting" were sold on the midway at 59th street, just outside the fairgrounds near a newly-erected

birch bark wigwam.

Simon Pokagon's son, Charles, also has a place in Chicago's history for his role in setting up an encampment in Lincoln Park. Led by Charles, a group of Pokagons constructed the encampment to celebrate the building of Fort Dearborn and to promote a Potawatomi claim to the Chicago lakefront. Edward B. Clark chronicled this event in a brochure entitled "Indian Encampment, Chicago Centennial, 1903" published by the Chicago Centennial Committee. This piece of Pokagon history is preserved at the Chicago Historical Museum.

In 1914, in an effort to reclaim the Chicago lakefront and all lands east of Michigan Avenue that had been created by fill dumped into Lake Michigan after the Great Fire of 1871, the Pokagon Tribal Council hired attorney Jacob Grossberg to file a suit on their behalf. The Pokagons argued that the Potawatomi had never given up or been compensated for that land. The suit was taken all the way to the Supreme Court before it was eventually denied.

The Chicago urban-Indian experience did not begin with the post-World War II federal program that relocated Indians from reservations to urban areas. The Pokagon Potawatomi have been present since Chicago's infancy, and the national flag flying at the Chicago American Indian Center serves as a symbol of their continued involvement in the city.

## IUPUI Partnership, continued

Bantz then presented council members with a photo of a sculpture commissioned by the American Indian Programs Office at IUPUI to commemorate the event. Created by Jason Bard, an IU Herron School of Art and Design student, the sculpture is made from the trunk of a sycamore tree and honors the natural world and identity of the Potawatomi. Because of its size (about eight feet in height) the sculpture was unveiled at the Herron School after the ceremony. It will soon be transported to Dowagiac where the sculpture will be installed at the administration building.

Johnny P. Flynn, assistant professor of religious studies and director of the American Indian Programs at IUPUI, is a Potawatomi from the Citizen Band Nation, and he spearheaded the creation of this partnership. Flynn said that IUPUI is considering developing a specially-

created distance education program for Pokagon Band citizens. He has begun discussing Native-centric studies programs using IUPUI's Museum Studies Program to develop Native American curator programs for Pokagon students, as well as Native American art programs to allow for college degrees in art to Pokagon students who are already adept in their traditional art forms.

The ceremony also marked the official opening of the American Indian Programs Office at IUPUI. American Indian Programs will serve as an umbrella organization for Native American Studies, Native American Staff and Faculty Council and Native American Student Alliance and is linked to the Native American Heritage Festival in Indianapolis and Native American programs in city and state government.

Under the agreement the Pokagon Band will pay the salary of an administrative position in American Indian Programs to support the development of the American Indian Studies minor and compile student, staff and faculty data. This extra support will help further develop educational programs to fit the growing needs of Pokagon Band citizens and workforce. And the Pokagon Band, as the only federally-recognized native nation in Indiana, now has the opportunity to build a relationship with IUPUI, which can serve as an example to tribes and universities across the country.



## Be Aware of the Health of Your Eyes

**By Elizabeth Leffler, Community Health Nurse**

January is National Eye Health Care Month. Eye problems can occur at any age, but newborns and elders are two groups that can often be affected. Common eye problems are nearsightedness, crossed eyes (also called strabismus), astigmatism, and amblyopia, also called lazy eye. Frequently, problems can go undetected in children and many vision problems can begin at an early age, but if they are discovered quickly, action can be taken to correct those problems. Eye issues are a lot easier to correct in the young when found early, so it is important to bring in your children in for routine eye exams.

Even if you don't think you or your children have eye trouble, it is a good idea to have an eye exam. Eye exams also look at your overall health, not just diseases of the eye. Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol are all diseases that eye care specialists can detect from an eye exam.

People of all ages should receive eye exams every other year, unless the eye doctor needs to see you

more often. If it has been two years or more since your last eye exam you should contact Cindy Rapp with the Pokagon Band's optical program at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 to schedule an eye exam. Pokagon Band citizens and spouses can bring their lens prescriptions to Cindy and receive frames and lenses from Thunder Cloud at discounted prices. If you don't have a current ophthalmologist/optometrist contact Lois Wesaw in Contract Health Services at 269-782-4141 ext. 234 for any questions or concerns on eye care coverage. Citizens under 49 years old with no preexisting illnesses must get your exam at Rx Optical, which can be covered by Contract Health Services if done every two years.

If you are over 50 or have a pre-existing disease such as diabetes, hypertension, or cardiac disease you need to see an ophthalmologist every one or two years for a dilated eye exam. If you have questions about eye health, contact one of our providers, Nurse Practitioner Shirley Grassflower or Dr. Sherburn, or the registered nurses in the clinic, or the community health nurses, at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

## Some signs and symptoms of eye problems to watch for:

- Frequent blinking
- Eyes that are red, blood-shot, itchy, crossed, dry, discolored, sticky or bulging
- A bump on the eye or eye lid
- Burning or gritty sensations
- Cloudy, blurry, tunnel or double vision, or a change or loss in vision
- Crusts around or a discharge from the eyes
- Droopy eye lids
- Eye lash loss
- A floater in your vision
- Halos around or sensitivity to lights
- Lazy eye
- Night vision problems
- Pain in eyes
- White, enlarged or small pupils
- Spots on eyes

## Department of Education Again Offering Summer College Internship Program

Tribal citizens attending college are eligible for a paid 8-week summer internship program.

**Where:** Job placements will be in various tribal offices in Dowagiac, Michigan. Possible placements include the following departments: Department of Housing, Department of Health Services, Information Technology, Department of Social Services, Human Resources, Education (K-12), Education (Higher Education), Natural Resources, Tribal Court, Department of Communications, Tribal Police, and the Department of Language and Culture.

**When:** Monday, June 6 – Friday, July 29

Usually 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (hours may vary)

**Who is Eligible:** Pokagon citizens who will be continuing college in the fall and who have completed at least one semester (12 credits) by June 1, 2011. This can include dual/enrollment credit. Applicants must also be at least eighteen years old by June 6, 2011. Qualified applicants who were not interns last summer will be given first preference.

**Please note:** Selected candidates must pass a background check and a pre-employment drug screening. **Candidates must be able to make arrangements to complete a background check and drug test in Dowagiac by March 1, 2011.**

**What is provided:** Wage of \$10/hr.

Monthly housing allowance of \$400

Clothing allowance of \$300

Mileage reimbursement (up to \$225 monthly)

**How to apply:** Interested citizens must submit the following materials to be received in the Department of Education office by Tuesday, February 7, 2011.

- Summer Internship Application
- Copy of Tribal ID (Unless copy on file with Pokagon Scholarship Program)
- Resume
- Current college schedule or official college transcript (Unless currently receiving a Pokagon Band scholarship)
- Printed Pokagon Band employment form available on-line at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**Interested? Please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for an application.**



## Upcoming Education Workshops

### Employment Training Labs Help with Resumes, GED Pretest Assessments or Career Goals

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs. Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group setting for work entry employability skills and career assessments. These workshops will also provide assistance for those interested in pursuing GED skills and who want to take the GED pre-test assessments at our facility. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals. Labs are offered on the following dates:

#### JANUARY

**Lab 1** Wednesday, January 5, from 8–4:30 \*

**Lab 2** Saturday, January 8 from 9:45–2:15

**Lab 3** Tuesday, January 18, from 8–4:30 \*

#### FEBRUARY

**Lab 4** Wednesday, February 2, from 8–4:30 \*

**Lab 5** Saturday, February 12 from 9:45–2:15

**Lab 6** Tuesday, February 15, from 8–4:30 \*

#### MARCH

**Lab 7** Wednesday, March 2, from 8–4:30 \*

**Lab 8** Saturday, March 12, from 9:45–2:15

**Lab 9** Tuesday, March 15, from 8–4:30 \*

\*The Wednesday and Tuesday labs can be extended until tentatively 6 p.m. upon request. Please call ahead to request late night session.

If you are interested in learning more about planning to work, resumes, cover letters, career assessments, or taking the GED pretest assessments, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education to sign up for the workshops at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

### Scrapbooking Workshop Planned

Do you like to scrapbook? Would you like to learn how? If so, the Department of Education has a fun day planned for you! Join us on Saturday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to create lasting memories using your photographs. We will have some supplies to get you started, as well as lunch for those attending. Spend the day with us and learn how to turn old photographs into cherished keepsakes. RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 888-330-1234 before January 20 to be entered into a special prize drawing.

### Are You Interested in Completing a GED?

Tribal citizens working on completing a GED can receive the following:

- Payment for GED testing
- Financial incentives for passing the individual GED exams
- Additional financial support for assistance with tutoring, mileage to GED classes, childcare costs during GED classes, GED workbooks, and more
- Assistance in our Employment Training/ GED Lab

The Department of Education wants to help tribal citizens complete their GEDs. To do this, we need to better assess the need. Please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, to find out more information about the Tribal GED Assistance Program and tell us what you need to complete your high school education.

### Turn Your Memories into a Movie

Join the Department of Education and we will help you preserve your memories. We will show you how to put your pictures and videos of your children, parents, grandparents, weddings in a movie. It would make a great gift! Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Connie Baber by Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 269-782-0887.

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Pokagon Band Department of Education

Bring: Pictures, video, and music

## Four Winds North Construction Moving Along

**By Anthony Foerster, Tribal Liaison with Christman/Kraus Anderson**

The Hartford casino project—Four Winds North—is underway. Right now Grand River Construction is forming up the footings and foundations for the footprint of the new casino. They are trying to complete that work by Christmas weekend. The next phase, erecting steel, will commence at the beginning of January. Most of the opportunities available for the next phase will be for iron workers and laborers. I have not received a request for labor as of press time, so I do not have any numbers yet. We expect the other trades to begin working on the project around the beginning of March. Most of the jobs have been from one week to three weeks in duration so far. I suspect that the job opportunities in March will range from two to eight weeks in length.

Christman/Kraus Anderson and I are committed to provide as many employment opportunities to tribal citizens as possible, while still maintaining an experienced and safe work force. I will be working closely with John Heironymous in the Pokagon Band's Department of Human Resources to help him implement a tribal apprenticeship program. We are working on establishing a website link that will enable me to update citizens as the job progresses. Until then, do not hesitate to contact me. My cell phone number is 269-944-9684. My email address is: [anthony.foerster@christmanco.com](mailto:anthony.foerster@christmanco.com).



From left to right: tribal citizens Russell Drake and Nathan Morris and an unidentified worker from Grand River Construction help build the foundation for the southeast corner of Four Winds North.



**Head Start News****2011–2012 Enrollment**

We are now accepting applications for the 2011–2012 school year. **Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 school year.** If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID to be considered for enrollment by the application deadline of June 1, 2011. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at 269-783-0026 or 866-250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

**Pokagon Band Head Start**

- School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30.
- Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
- We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

- The Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day.
- The program does accept children with disabilities.

**Upcoming Events/Closures**

January 3, 2011

School Resumes

January 17, 2011

Closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 27, 2011

Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00 with guest speaker.

February 21, 2011

Closed for President's Day

**Volunteers**

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer; anyone can be a volunteer for the program. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement

activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, and cousins. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

**Donations**

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for:

- Play dough
- Wet wipes
- Outdoor play toys
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubbles
- Glue sticks
- Lysol Wipes
- Art supplies
- Ziploc Bags (quart & gallon size)
- Hats & gloves

**Happy Birthday to You!****January Birthdays:**

**Jason Holloway**

January 1, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Mrs. Sam Townsend**

January 2, 2011—Happy Birthday!

**Elizabeth Bale**

January 3, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Miss Carrie Neumann**

January 7, 2011—Happy Birthday!

**Mrs. Sarah Green**

January 10, 2011—Happy Birthday!

**Miss Rosie Castillo**

January 12, 2011—Happy Birthday!

**Austin Garcia**

January 26, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**February Birthdays:**

**Mariah Wright**

February 3, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Greysen Kelley**

February 15, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Chloe Parker**

February 16, 2011—Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. — 8:00p.m.

Location: Teaching Cabin

**Men & Boys Drumming Class**

Calling all men and boys interested in learning how to drum! John T. Warren will be sharing drum teachings and pow wow singing and drumming techniques. Please come and join us for an evening filled with traditional drum teachings, singing, and drumming.



Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov  
Office: 269-4624261

**Everyone is invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



Pokagon Band Of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture

**WOMENS HAND  
DRUM PRACTICE**

- Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011
- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047

*All Ladies and Girls Welcome*

*Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men's drum class. If you have a hand drum or rattle please bring it, but it's not necessary to participate.*

**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Summer Enrichment Plan Already in the Works

Yes, it's time to start planning for the summer of 2011, or at least planting the seeds. Our Summer Enrichment Program is an awesome opportunity for students who will be entering seventh through twelfth grades in the fall of 2011. The Tribe will financially support up to \$500 per Pokagon child attending a workshop, camp, class, or other experience during the summer break. This past year, one hundred youth enjoyed this gift! Will you be one of them this next summer? The initial registration date for those who are applying for the first time is February 15. Students who are hoping to return to this program can start applying on March 15. The Department of Education will be mailing forms to all Pokagon citizens between the ages of 10 and 18 in January. What camp have you wanted to attend, or what skill do you want to master, or what class have you needed to take that you couldn't afford on your own? Now is the time to start thinking . . . how do you want to enrich your life this summer?

Here are just a few comments from the essays written by last year's group:

Joyce Olsen, ninth grader from Brandywine Middle School/High School in Niles, Michigan, states, "I would like to thank you for the amazing experience of Wolverine Band Camp. At this wonderful camp I stayed in Wolverine, Michigan for a week and every day was filled with fun, adventure, learning, frustration, growing and friendship."

Richard Roach, a senior from Dowagiac High School in Dowagiac, said, "Thank you for paying my way to the Michigan State Football Camp. It was a great time. My favorite part of the football camp was the tour of Michigan State Stadium. We also got to go out on the football field with the coach and some of the Michigan State players. I also learned from this experience that kids from all over the country are trying their best to get to play football from Michigan State University. The experience helped me to realize how much better I have to be to play football in college and how hard I have to work on my grades to get there."

Autumn Mollett is an eighth grader attending Watervliet Middle School, and had this to say about her summer enrichment activities at science camp: "On the third day we went to an island where I got stung by a cannon ball jelly fish, now that really hurt and ever since then I have this indent on my foot where it stung me. On the fourth day we went to a mini-aquarium where they had a turtle as big as a truck tire, sharks, fish, and eagle, skunks, snakes,

penguins, and many other things. My mom said, "Wow, they kept you busy this week didn't they!" She was right and I hope we go again soon."

Amanda Boelman, a seventh grader at Portage Central Middle School in Portage, Michigan, reported that: "I attended the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts for Young Artists Multi-Media Camp and Photography for Beginners. I had a great time there in both programs and am thanking you for giving me the opportunity to go there. My favorite part in the camp was painting. I enjoyed painting because it gave me the opportunity to explore the differences of textures, real life, and creativity. It taught me how to make things a little more real in a 2D way. My favorite part of photography class was the developing of film right out off the roll it came in. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to participate in this art camp and class. I had lots of fun making pictures and different projects."

### Calling All Adults Who Want to Work with Youth This Summer

The Department of Education will be preparing the application forms for the Summer Program in the next month. If you are over 18 years old and have an interest in working at camp and summer school, please let us know. Contact Connie Baber, 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234, to be put on the application list.

### K-12 Program Registration

Registering your child in the K-12 Program is easy, quick, and rewarding! This is open to children attending Pre-School, as well. Your student gets a school bag with supplies; you receive a \$50 reimbursement for school-related expenses, and we get the opportunity to serve you and your child. Call us if you need the forms sent your direction – Connie Baber, 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234 – or stop by the Department of Education on your next visit to the Administration Building.

Migwech, Families!

We would like to say migwech, megwech, wewene, thank you, to the adults, children and families who have been a part of the programs offered through the Department of Education's K-12 Programs, Adult Education, and Higher Education during this past year. You make our days by allowing us the opportunity to work with you!

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Residents of the Pokégnek Édawat and visitors to the Rodgers Lake campground will be able to swing, slide and play this Spring on the two playground structures below. The one on the left will be installed at the campground, while the right image shows what will be constructed in the Édawat village.





## Pokagon Ogitchedaw (Veterans) Submit Inaugural End of the Year Report

By Ogema Ervin (Butch) Starrett

This is the first annual report to inform you and our community of the activities that the Veterans have been involved with in the past year. We started the year with the planning and completion of the Community Eagle Staff. It proved to be a very exciting endeavor for our group. Many acceptable traditions needed to be discussed and understood by all. The knowledge that was gained, and shared will always be an important part of the Ogitchedaw. We were able to complete the Staff for the first Traditional Memorial Day Pow Wow, Oshke – Kno – Kewewen Honoring the New Eagle Staff. Chairman Matthew Wesaw accepted the staff for the community, and presented it to Navy and Vietnam Veteran Lynn Davison for its care.

Next came the planning of the Second Annual Memorial Day Veterans Golf Tournament. The tournament is held on the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend. It is free to all Pokagon Tribal Veterans. The first year we had 144 golfers, and this year it expanded to 230 participants. We were able to invite Veteran groups from the local veteran organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion, and Tri County Korean Veterans group, Army, Air Force and Marines. We invited Vietnam Veteran Donald Chubb to speak of his military service, and it was a heartwarming experience for all. Other guest speakers included Chairman Matthew Wesaw, and nationally-known NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens.

The Memorial Day weekend continued with the Traditional Pow Wow held on Saturday, and Sunday. We had our booth set up with giveaways, and Veteran information. We participated in the Grand Entries and other events. On Sunday we were joined by Congressman Fred Upton, and presented with American Flags. We in turn gifted Congressman Upton with a traditional warrior's Koch Stick.

Monday the Color Guard marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Dowagiac, Michigan. Pokagon's Veterans have been marching in this event for many years. The Guard consisted of Mike Zimmerman, Roger Williams, Gus Gwilt, Lynn Davidson, Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and Butch Starrett, accompanied by Tribal Sisters Jackie Trux, and Teresa McFall. It was the first time that our Community Eagle staff was able to be a part of this annual event, and it was received well by the local community.

The next important project the Ogitchedaw completed was to get the Veterans Code reviewed and approved by Tribal Council. Upon the approval the three officers needed to be installed as approved by Council. Those officers are as follows: Ogema Ervin (Butch) Starrett (three-year term), Secretary Roger Williams (two-year term), and Treasurer Lynn Davidson (one-year term). A big megwetch goes out to Tribal Council and tribal associate general counsel Edward Williams for their hard work in this matter.

In August the Veterans were in Oklahoma for the Potawatomi Gathering. We attended a meeting of all the Potawatomi Veteran groups, and shared information. The list of our community's Veterans whose names are listed on their Family Eagle Feathers has been put on display in the cultural center of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi enclosed in glass. It is moving to see many of our Pokagon veterans' names proudly on display, a big megwetch to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi. If you are in the Oklahoma areas please take time to visit the cultural center. I was informed that discounted camping with all the amenities is available to all Potawatomi community members.

September began with the annual Womens Water Walk and Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow. We again were able to participate in all the various activities of the weekend. Veterans Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and

I participated in the walk with the Community Eagle Staff. The Pow Wow included camping, a Veterans booth, Grand Entries, dancing, great rood, various cultural activities, and new friendships. Veterans from the Saginaw Chippewa, Gun Lake, and Huron Band also were in attendance, and we greatly appreciate their support with our events. We had many members from across the country stop by and either register with the group or just say hello. We felt very welcomed by the Pow Wow Committee, and would like to give them a big megwetch for all of their hospitality and support.

Reaffirmation Day is the day that celebrates the signing into law the restoration of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians by the federal government. We were able to present at this event a complete display of all the Tribal and military flags of our community: Pokagon Community Eagle staff, Anthony Foerster (Marine); United States flag, Gus Gwilt (Marine); Pokagon Nation flag, **Ken Rader, pictured at left** (Air Force); State of Michigan flag, Ollie Shear (Army); Indiana State Flag, Lynn Davidson, (Navy); US Army flag, Ken Kirvan, (Army); US Navy flag Carl Wesaw, (Army); US Marine flag, Mike Zimmerman, (Army); US Air Force flag, Butch Starrett (Army) and POW/MIA flag, Jerry Campbell (Army).

September ended with the Gathering of Eagle Staffs hosted by the Sault Saint Marie Chippewa Indian Community, attended by Anthony Foerster, Roger Williams, and I. It proved to be a time of learning and sharing information needed to understand what is expected in the care and creation of an Eagle Staff. Staffs were brought forth by the individual care takers who told us their stories, from the beginning to now.

November 20 we attended the 57th Annual Chicago Pow Wow to support the honoring of Tribal member Leroy Wesaw Sr., and the presentation of our Nation's flag to the Chicago American Indian Center at Navy Pier. Their Pow Wow is a coming together of many North American Indian Tribes and communities. We are honored and grateful to have been invited to take part in this wonderful event. I, Roger Williams, Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and many tribal members were able to attend; we all had a great time.

Veterans Day proved to be a busy day for many of our veterans. Anthony Foerster participated in the ceremonies at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan. Roger Williams and Carl Wesaw were able to attend the Veterans Pow Wow at the Gun Lake Tribal community center organized by Head Veteran George Martin. Many local businesses were offering gifts to the Veterans which many of our veterans were able to enjoy.

Upcoming events for 2011 that are in the works:

- Veterans website
- Veterans office space
- Saturday meetings
- Family Eagle Feathers
- A calendar of events
- Increased membership

We would like to take this time to thank all of our Veterans for their military service. It is with a sense of duty that we continue to serve our community. We would like to invite any and all who have served to join us in the development of the Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw. We need the input and help of all Pokagon Veterans young and old to identify our future mission. Please join us in this journey; it is not only needed, but fun, interesting, and exciting.





## January Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



**Kayla Lewis** is a senior at Watervliet High School in Watervliet, Michigan. Her parents are Tonya Payne and Dean Lewis and she has a brother, Eric. Kayla's favorite food is cake as "they are extremely fun to make and design." She loves listening to and creating music and singing is her biggest talent. Her favorite games are "Call of Duty" and "Halo" for the Xbox. Kayla is really into using her imagination and writes many songs. She is currently taking a Culinary Arts class to learn to make some extreme desserts. She would like to open her own baking business one day if her dreams come true. Kayla is proud to be Native American as they savor their culture and are a very persistent people. She says, "While other cultures wither away because of lack of knowledge and really, lack of interest, we are a proud people."



**Angel Bowling** is in the first grade in New Buffalo, Michigan. She has participated in such tribal and cultural activities as pow wows, health fairs and wellness retreats. Her favorite food is lasagna, her favorite toy is a bubble blower and she loves to read and do math. Angel wants to be a princess one day. She is proud to be a Native American as it is her heritage, and she loves having a large, extended family. Her Mom is Dawn Shiflett. Her grandparents include Tom and Carol Martin, Tom and Linda Martin, Margaret O'Keefe, and Price Parker. Angel has three siblings: Jordan, Courtney, and Devin.



**Amber Reinke** is a senior at Fondy High School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Her favorite foods include pizza and chicken fettucine. She loves playing Apples to Apples and Super Mario Brothers. Other favorite things include going mudding, listening to country music, hiking in caves, playing miniature golf, kayaking, and spending time with her boyfriend. Amber plans to study either child care or dental hygiene in college. She is proud to be Native American as it is "awesome to follow in my grandparents' tracks." Amber enjoys learning different things about who she is and her culture. Her parents are John and Becky Reinke, her grandparents are Eunice and Jim Schwake. Amber has two siblings: Cody and Taylor.



**Darren Kole** is a first grade student at Fairplain West in Benton Harbor, Michigan. His parents are Shawn and Susan Kole, and he has four brothers: Donnie, Dwayne, Dylan, and Adent. His favorite food is pancakes, his favorite sport is football, and he loves to play on the Playstation. When Darren grows up, he wants to be a teacher.

## Elders Council Minutes

DECEMBER 2, 2010

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Margaret Rapp, 11:40 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Butch Starrett.

**ROLL CALL:** Margaret Rapp, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, A, excused Audrey Huston, P.

Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey) Boehm.

**AGENDA:** Mr. Culpepper was unable to attend.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** The main topic of conversation was the medical issues. Prescriptions, possible 90 days' supply for people who are gone for the winter, seven-day wait. Trips, we have no medical

personnel on the bus. A suggestion was made that we train with the Indian Lake Fire Dept. The cost would be \$5,000.00, but it was also brought up that if someone fell we possibly would be unable to pick someone up due to our age.

A question was put forth regarding the jackets, at this time the details have not been worked out. We had two new members elected to the Council and thought it best to wait and work with them. You will be notified when everything is in place.

**MINUTES:** The November minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes Margaret supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, approved.

### TREASURERS REPORT:

Margaret moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ken supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tom asked how many people we serve, as of now 424 Elders.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am – 12:00pm.

Active Living will stop Fri. Dec. 17, 2010 and resume March 2011.

Basket making will start November 10, 2010, 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

December 16, 2010, Social luncheon, gift exchange, \$10.00 gift for men, \$10.00 gift for women. A prize will be given to the person wearing the most Christmas clothing.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Victor Starrett, Mary Jo Morris, Marge Moody, Dorothy Burgh, Genevieve Wesaw, Dan Rapp, Marie Manley.

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom & Bonnie Parrish.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Margaret supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



**Dates:** Tue. & Thur. nights  
January 11 — Feb 24

**Time:** 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Class Information:**

This class serves as an introduction to the study of the language and culture of the Potawatomi. The class content will focus on foundational grammar, pronunciation, and historical and cultural context.

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### January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <b>First Class</b> Language Class (1 of 14)	12	13 Language Class (2 of 14)	14	15
16	17	18 Language Class (3 of 14)	19	20 Language Class (4 of 14)	21	22
23	24	25 Language Class (5 of 14)	26	27 Language Class (6 of 14)	28	29
30	31					

# Potawatomi Language Class

**Instructor: Thomas Loftis (Citizen Band Potawatomi)**

**Registration Info.:**

Register with Teresa at  
(269) 462-4296. Limit of  
25 students.

**Registration Deadline:**

Tuesday, January 4th

**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning  
about Nishnabek life ways, then  
you are welcome to attend.  
These events are not exclusive

### February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Language Class (7 of 14)	2	3 Language Class (8 of 14)	4	5
6	7	8 Language Class (9 of 14)	9	10 Language Class (10 of 14)	11	12
13	14	15 Language Class (11 of 14)	16	17 Language Class (12 of 14)	18	19
20	21	22 Language Class (13 of 14)	23	24 <b>Final Class</b> Language Class (14 of 14)	25	26
27	28					

**Contact Information:**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Every Tuesday: Behavioral Health, Red Road Circle of Re- covery AA/NA*</i>		<i>Every Thursday: Behavioral Health, Fathers of Tradition Family Night*</i>	<i>Every Friday: Behavioral Health, Red Road Circle of Re- covery AA/NA*</i>	1
2	3 Elders Language Class	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Elders Language Class	11 Language Class (1 of 14)	12	13 Language Class (2 of 14)	14	15
16	17 Elders Language Class	18 Language Class (3 of 14); Native Healing	19 Native Healing; Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	20 Language Class (4 of 14); Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	21 Native Healing	22 Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon
23	24 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	25 Language Class (5 of 14)	26	27 Language Class (6 of 14)	28	29
30	31 Elders Language Class					

Co-ed Sweat - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 11am – 12pm  
Fathers of Tradition Family Night - Behavioral Health (use north side door), 6pm 8pm  
Language Class - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

Native Healing with Jake Pine – Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Red Road Circle of Recovery AA/NA - Behavioral Health (use north side door), Tue. 6-7:30pm and Fri. 7-8:30pm  
Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games - Tribal Lodge, 1pm– 4pm  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee’s Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conference Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Note: “\*” Signifies Behavioral Health events (Red Road Circle of Recovery and Fathers of Tradition). Please contact Patricia Holbrook with questions, (269) 782-4141 ext. 325.

### Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.



## Department of Education Reminders

**Honor Blankets**

If you have graduated, or are planning to graduate, with at least a Bachelors degree from September 2010–June 2011, please contact Connie Baber at the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for an application to receive an honor blanket. These blankets will be awarded to graduates during the Memorial Day Pow Wow this year (instead of the Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow).

Applications are due by Friday, April 1.

**Workforce Investment Act**

Just a reminder for all of those who are involved in the Workforce Investment Act program that if you have not already done so, please turn in your next semester schedule along with copies of your semester's grades. Also, if you are enrolled into the Higher Education program, you must provide these documents and submit a new application each semester. If you are in both programs, please make or request a copy of the schedule and grades for both programs' files. If you have any questions, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887.



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## Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon



**Date:** Saturday,  
January 22, 2011  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Everyone is invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Come and join us for an afternoon of storytelling and snow snake games. Please bring your snow snake stick that you made at the December event. If you don't have your own stick, don't worry - we have extras for you to use. Bring out the family and dress warm for an afternoon of fun and games! Soup and hot chocolate will be provided.



Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 462-4261 • E-mail: Andy.Jackson@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Tribal Council **January** Calendar of Events

- 4** Gaming Authority Meeting, noon, Four Winds
- 5** Tribal Council Meeting, 8 a.m., Lodge
- 8** Tribal Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Lodge
- 10** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 11** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 12** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 18** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 24** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 25** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 27** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 31** Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

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DATE: WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY  
JANUARY 18-21, 2011  
TIME: 9:00-12:00 P.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.  
LOCATION: TEACHING CABIN

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

Individual appointments Tuesday – Thursday (please bring tobacco).  
Co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Person:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

# Native Healing

Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Supplemental Heating Program Now Accepting Applications

The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services announces the fifth annual Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program, which will begin accepting applications December 6. This program will provide a credit of \$250 per eligible household to help with high energy costs. The Supplemental Heating Program provides assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States; it is not limited to the 10-county service area.

The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental

Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation.

**How to Apply**

You can receive an application by calling Social Services at 269-782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or visiting in person at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. An application may also be obtained by visiting the Pokagon website and viewing the Department of Social Services information.

Items you will need to fill out the application

- Proof of all household income:
  - proof of income for last 30 days and/or award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder’s Stipend, etc.) and/or
  - child support received or paid or
  - completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID cards

Applications will be accepted beginning December 6.

Income Guidelines	
Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,000
2	\$43,000
3	\$50,000
4	\$57,000
5	\$64,000
6 and above	\$71,000

**South Bend Area Office Schedule**

Mondays: Housing staff will be available to provide information on housing programs.

1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services social worker  
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services processor  
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse  
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative  
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, foot care, diabetes management and prevention by appointment.

Wednesdays: Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and Workforce Investment Act applications.

Fridays: Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the daycare program will be available.

Minors Trust Informational Meetings

January 25 & 26, 2011

Providence First Trust Company will be here to meet with parents or guardians who have questions about the minors trust.

Please call Julie Farver to set up an appointment, 269-782-8998

**Correction:**  
The January Health Care Summit is **Saturday, January 15**, not Tuesday, January 18 as previously printed. The time and location remain the same.

Health Care Summit  
Saturday, January 15, 2011  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Harris Prairie Church of Christ  
Granger, Indiana

**AA/NA Meetings**  
Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.

Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.



## Administrative Assistant Wanted

Christman/Kraus-Anderson, the Construction Manager for the Four Winds North project in Hartford, Michigan, is looking for a Pokagon citizen to fill the position of Administrative Assistant for the on-site construction staff. This is a full-time position requiring immediate availability, and will be needed until the project is complete (anticipated for October 2011). Work hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 am until 5 pm, with one hour for lunch.

As Administrative Assistant, proficiency with Excel and Microsoft Word are mandatory. More specifically, this individual will be responsible for the following:

- Typical receptionist duties (i.e. greeting, answering the main phone line, distributing messages, etc.)
- Typical clerical duties (i.e. copying, scanning, organizing documents, filing, posting drawings, office supply management, etc.)
- Assisting the Tribal Liaison with managing and updating the list of all available Pokagon citizens
- Preparing weekly reports, tracking PBPI participation and staff hours
- Preparing and distributing meeting minutes and general correspondence

While the Administrative Assistant will be working with Christman/Kraus-Anderson, the position will be secured through a Temporary Employment Agency. Hourly pay for Administrative Assistants typically ranges between \$12 and \$15 per hour, depending on experience and capabilities. This job posting will close at the end of business on Friday, December 31, 2010. Resumes can be emailed to dan.rooney@christmanco.com or faxed to 517-482-3520, Attn: Dan Rooney.

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Toll Free 800-859-2717  
FAX 269-782-1696

Administration  
Information Technology  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-8998 /  
Toll Free 800-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-6882

Social Services  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-8998 /  
Toll Free 800-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-4295

Health Services /  
Behavioral Health  
57392 M 51 South  
269-782-4141 /  
Toll Free 888-440-1234  
FAX 269-782-8797

Natural Resources  
32142 Edwards St.  
269-782-9602 Phone  
269-783-0452 Fax

Education and Training  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-0887/  
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Finance  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-8998 /  
Toll Free 888-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-1028

Enrollment  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-1763 /  
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Commodities  
269-782-3372 /  
Toll Free 888-281-1111  
FAX 269-782-7814

Head Start  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-783-0026/  
866)-250-6573  
FA 269-782-9795

South Bend Area Office  
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Mishawaka, IN 46545  
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Toll Free 800-737-9223  
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Tribal Court  
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269-782-2232 /  
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Per Capita Payment Schedule 2011

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Guidelines for Pokégnek  
Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

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Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

January Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Closed New Years The rest of this week meals are Provided by Cass County Council on Aging.	4 Swiss Chicken Dressing Sliced Carrots Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Dessert	5 Baked BBQ Pork Chop Red Skin Potatoes Capri Blend Vegetables Biscuit Fresh Fruit	6 Business Vegetable Lasagna Winter Blend Vegetables Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Dessert	7 Homemade Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Hot Spinach Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit
10 Language Butternut Squash Soup Tuna Salad Sandwich Tomatoes and Lettuce Waldorf Salad	11 Cornish Hens Stuffing Spinach Coleslaw Roll / Fruit W/ Yogurt Cup	12 Buffalo Tacos W/ Cheese, lettuce, onion, tomato Flour tortilla or hard shell Black Beans and Rice Lemon Pudding	13 Pork Loin W/ Rutabaga, Potatoes, & Carrots Garden Salad Applesauce	14 Veggie Pizza Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
17 Language  Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 Pork Chop Baked Potato Brussels Sprouts Spiced Apple Rings Roll	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Veggie Burger on a Bun Relish Tray Cherry Crisp	20 Social Chili Cook-Off Garden Salad Cornbread Sour Cream, Cheese, Broccoli (Garnishes for Chili)	21 Sea Bass Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Garden Salad Blueberry pie
24 Language Salmon Patties Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Tomato Salad Roll / Lemon Meringue Pie	25 Turkey Meatloaf W/ Salsa Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Green Beans Roll / Jell-O W/ Fruit	26 Beef Roast W/ Rutabaga, Red Potatoes, and Carrots Coleslaw Roll / Apple Crisp	27 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Tray Rainbow Sherbet	28 Baked Potato Bar W/ Chili, Broccoli, Cheese, and Sour Cream Fruit Salad
31 Language Buffalo Meatballs and Spaghetti Asparagus Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cup		Please Note: Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.		Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light Beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/ Rolls and butter are also included.



Happy Birthday



December 6 to  
**Brendon Paul Gibson**  
Love you always,  
Mom and Dad and  
Grandmom and  
Grandpa Gibson

January 17 to my niece **Sherri Ryan**  
Love, Aunt Mart



January 22 to **Aiden Logan Gibson**  
Love you always,  
Mom and Dad and  
Grandmom and  
Grandpa Gibson

January 27 to my terrific sister **Mary Maddox**  
Love, your sister Mart



Happy Birthday  
**Ahmad Birks**  
Love, your family



Happy Birthday  
**Nadyah Grubb**  
From Mom



Happy Birthday  
Preston Brown  
From your family



Happy 21st Birthday  
**Garrison Grubb**  
From Mom and Dad



Happy 12th Birthday  
December 29  
**Cheyenne Harmon**  
With All Our Love,  
Mom, Dad, Alexis and  
Cody

Happy Belated Birthday

- November 20 **Lee Parker**
- November 27 **Sandy VanHolt**
- December 5 **Carol Martin**
- December 9 **Johnny Parker**
- December 11 **Lisa Stevens**
- December 12 **Misty Weaver**
- December 21 **Dawn Parker**
- December 21 **Chad Gillan**
- December 26 **Jake Walllin**
- December 31 **John Hoekstra**

Love, Kathy, Haley & Mike

**Cecelia Grace (Rapp) Blackmond**  
12-7-12 to 1-3-83

“My Mother”

Holidays are tough.  
Wish Heaven had a phone  
So I could hear your voice again.  
I thought of you today.  
But that’s nothing new,  
I thought of you yesterday and  
days before that too.  
I think of you in silence and often  
speak your name.  
All I have are memories and pictures  
in a frame.  
But I know that you are with Jesus,  
And that someday we will be together again.  
Love you and miss you, Mommy,  
  
Your Daughter, Sarah

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## Frances Dostal Joins Tribal Court Staff

*Pokagon Band citizen Frances Dostal was hired by the Tribal Judiciary in December to fill the newly-created position of Clerk of the Courts/Paralegal. The Judiciary aspired to bring a highly-skilled and experienced person to the staff of the Court to help handle the myriad of matters now being handled and processed by the Court. In addition, the Judiciary realized the need to provide itself and the Court Administrator expanded capacity to focus on the continued development of sovereign judicial infrastructure to keep pace with community growth and development. Ms. Dostal brings both the desired skills and experience. The Judiciary is pleased that a Tribal Citizen has filled this new position. Ms. Dostal's introduction follows.*

*Chief Judge Michael Petoskey*

I want to introduce myself as Clerk of the Courts/Paralegal for the Tribal Court, a position I accepted in December. I have been working for the Tribe since January 2010. I first worked with my brother, Kevin Daugherty, as a Resource Developer, and through working with him, I met many people who work for and with the Tribe, including members of the Tribal Court.

I earned a bachelor's degree in English/Creative Writing at San



Frances Dostal will bring her legal experience to the Tribal Court.

Francisco State University in 1987, after which I went to work for an immigration law firm in San Francisco where I worked for over 18 years. I had many responsibilities at the law firm, including working as a paralegal. As a paralegal I was responsible for preparing legal documents, contacting clients and government agencies in connection with client casework, and keeping up to date on changes in immigration law. I created and maintained internal and online forms for the firm and was responsible for maintaining the firm's case management database, as well as database report writing. I also performed editing tasks, including editing the law firm's newsletter.

I am a Pokagon Band member, a daughter of Rae and "Mike" Daugherty and a granddaughter of

Michael B. and Cecilia (nee: Topash) Williams, all of whom, along with many other elders, played a part in keeping the Tribe going long before the Tribe received federal recognition in 1994. My grandparents were always active in Tribal affairs, with my grandfather first serving as Tribal Secretary at the age of 18 in 1899, and later as Tribal Chairman, in which capacity he served until 1969, shortly before his death. He, along with other Pokegnek of his generation, worked on Indian land claims, survived the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and later in 1952 worked to establish the Tribe as a nonprofit corporation. The result of the efforts of these preceding generations is that the Tribe survived as an entity, despite efforts to obliterate our language, culture and traditions through forced assimilation, boarding schools, removal acts, and land grabs disguised as treaties.

Since coming to work for the Tribe, I see how far the Tribe has come since receiving federal recognition, and I am very impressed with the people I have met. It is through meeting these people that I have come to understand that, while federal recognition has provided us with many privileges, it has also placed many obligations upon us as a people. I feel privileged to have been given an opportunity to work for the Tribe in its relatively new judicial branch.

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## Managed Care Transition Complete for Pokagon Band Health Services

### Contract Health Services, Clinic Prepared to Handle Changes

Following months of preparation, letters to citizens, newsletter articles, and community health summits, the Department of Health Services will be making the full transition to managed care February 8. This managed care approach will provide coverage for preventive care such as annual checkups and screening tests, well-baby visits, and immunizations in the hope of avoiding serious illness and more costly treatment.

This change will require all Pokagon Band citizens to utilize the Pokagon Band Health Clinic (at right) in order to access both direct health care services (behavioral health, clinic, and pharmacy) and indirect health care services (Contract Health Services Specialty Care).

*Please turn to page 3*





## Community Resource Officer Recommends Winter Safety Precautions

**By Jaime Sumners,  
Community Resource Officer**

Winter is here once again. Our first real snow was on December 1 and the police radios were busy with vehicle crashes, power outages, and calls for assistance of every kind. For me it's just a reminder that I have to be ready for emergencies on the road and at my home. I'm not only responsible for myself, but for my wife and two sons. The steps I take to ensure that my family and I will be prepared for winter are simple and cost very little.

Here are just a few winter safety tips that I find are helpful, take very little time to prepare, and cost our family just dollars to maintain.

### Winter Emergency Home Supplies

- A three-day supply of canned foods (soups, veggies, meats) is suggested. A lot of canned foods will come with an easy to open top, but have a non-electric can opener handy. Fruit bars, granola bars, and other snacks usually have a long shelf life and can go a long way when you need calories.
- Likewise, have three days of water, either bottled water or tap water, on hand. A lot of the bigger stores have bottled water in cases for only a few dollars. Remember, you can recycle milk jugs, used bottled water containers, and just about anything that will hold water.
- Also have candles and flashlights, which can be a great back up for light and even heat. Remember matches or lighters are a must. Any type of flashlight and a supply of batteries will go a long way.
- Clothing and blankets: we all have winter clothes, and we all have blankets. Make sure that everyone in the house has a fair share of each.
- Depending on the temperature outside, items in your refrigerator and freezer can be placed outside in a secure place away from animals.

- Inside of your home, all doors should be shut to conserve any heat that you are trying to generate. Shutting all doors keeps the air flow and drafts to a minimum. In worse case scenarios, find shelter with other family or friends.

### Winter Emergency Vehicle Supplies

- Be prepared for winter driving by wearing clothes that are appropriate for the season. Winter hats, gloves, shoes or boots, insulated underclothing, and socks. Of course you don't have to dress like this every time you sit in your car, but if you get stranded somewhere have plenty of options with you to stay warm. Have bright colored items available; there is more chance of you being seen against a white background. Also, blankets are an excellent way to stay warm; there should be one for every person in the car.
- Pack a kit in the car containing flash lights, flares, a first aid kit, enough water and snacks for overnight.
- Bring your cell phone and car charger.
- When you are stranded in a winter storm the safest place to be is in your vehicle. Your car can act as a shelter and protection from the outside elements and from other vehicles traveling on the roadway. You should first check to see if your exhaust is clear from snow and debris, you want to avoid carbon monoxide build up inside of the vehicle. When you run your vehicle for heat, only run for a few minutes at a time to conserve your gas supply. Don't leave your vehicle unless there is an absolute emergency or your vehicle has become an unsafe place to be. This is a hard decision to make. One more very important thing, always remember your location. Be very aware of your surroundings. If you have to call for help, or you have to go for help, know where you are. Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are.



Community Resource Officer Jaime Sumners can be reached at 269-782-2232, or by e-mail at [jaime.sumners@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:jaime.sumners@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact me.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the guidelines published on page 18.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

[newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)



## Managed Care Transition Complete, continued

Please note that citizens will not be permitted to access the following services, without that care being first coordinated through the clinic by the clinic providers and behavioral health professionals. These include:

- Dental services
- Immunization services
- Inpatient behavioral health services
- Laboratory services
- Pharmacy services
- Specialty care services (e.g., cardiology, endocrinology, podiatry)
- Vision services

Please contact the clinic to find out more about the support services available to assist all citizens in successfully making the changeover to the clinic. Also, the department is actively seeking additional pharmacy and physician staff, to assure we meet citizens' health care service needs.

"We are extremely proud of our achievement to get in compliance with Indian Health Services operations policy, not only in terms of what it means to us, but what it means to the Pokagon Band citizens," said Arthur L. Culpepper, Director of Health Services. "They can be confident in the quality of care we provide to our citizens. We look forward to working with citizens for many years to come."

There are additional services that are in the planning phase and will soon be underway, such as after hours and weekend pharmacy emergency coverage.

If citizens have additional questions regarding the managed care transition, or any other information, contact the Department of Health Services at 269-782-4141

## Officers Conduct a Tree Stand Sweep

**By Jaime Sumners, Community Resource Officer**

This fall the Pokagon Tribal Police Department and the Department of Natural Resources conducted a Tree Stand Sweep. In the past there have been many complaints from Pokagon Band citizens that poaching and trespassing had been taking place on Band properties. Recently one of our officers had taken a complaint of hunting by non citizens. After the officer had made contact with the complainant and after some further investigation, a person was cited for the violation.

In order to better serve the Pokagon Band, the DNR and the Police have set a plan into action called the Tree Stand Sweep. Officer Hohnke and I started the Tree Stand Sweep in Van Buren County. We were able to locate several tree stands. Some were clearly marked by a Pokagon Band citizen, some

were marked but not clearly enough from the ground, and some were not marked at all. Only one person was cited for a violation, but we still have several tree stands that have not been claimed. At least two tribal citizens have come to the Police Department to claim their stand. They were not cited, only given a brief explanation of what is expected of someone hunting on Pokagon Band Properties, especially when using any type of tree stand.

The Tree Stand Sweep and property inspections will be an ongoing activity throughout the year. If you have any questions in regards to hunting regulations on Pokagon Band property please call the Tribal Police Department at 269-782-2232 and ask for Officer Sumners or Officer Hohnke, or call the Department of Natural Resources and ask for Mark Parish.

## Annual Children's Christmas Movie a Hit

**By Melissa Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant, in Niles, and Penny Brandt, Education Coordinator, in Plainwell**

Santa made a surprise visit to the Wonderland Cinema in Niles and the Plainwell Cinema in Plainwell on Saturday, December 19 when he heard that Pokagon Band youngsters would be gathered in each place to enjoy a special screening of Yogi Bear in 3-D.

Thanks to Tribal Council's generosity, those in attendance,

which neared 150 in Niles, were treated to tickets to the movie, popcorn, soda, a visit with Santa, and a chance to win one of two gift baskets. Kateri and Brian Dayson volunteered their time to help at the Niles event.

I look forward to this day every year to see the happiness on the kids' faces when they arrive, bright and early raring to enjoy the movie!

Thanks to Santa for taking the time out of his busy holiday schedule to stop in and greet the youth!



The crowd at Niles Wonderland Cinema gets ready to take in Yogi Bear.

Yogi Bear and Boo-Boo may have been having fun gallivanting about in Jellystone National Park, but the seventy-five people viewing them through the 3D glasses at Cinema 89 in Plainwell on December 19 had just as much fun.

The Tribal Council sponsored another successful Children's Christmas Party featuring Yogi

Bear, popcorn, pop, and their very own 3D glasses to take home. All ages came for the treat and to share that time with family and friends. You've never seen Yogi and Boo-Boo until you see them flying out at you through the magic of 3D. Two door prizes of delicious baskets of candy were given out. Thank you, Tribal Council, for this great event!



Movie goers in Plainwell sport their 3D glasses.



## Christmas Deliveries Arrive at Édawat



The Housing Department's elves escorted Santa Claus house to house through Pokégnek Édawat in late December, helping deliver gifts to all the residents. Elders received gift certificates for selected home improvements, while residents in Nishnabe Myewen got fire and waterproof safes and certificates to Saylor's Pizza and Movies, Movies, Movies. Above, the elves posed for a photo before heading off in their sleighs.



Santa decided to use the front door rather than the chimney to give Audrey Huston and her grandchildren Jackson and Allison Warner their gift.

## Homeownership Program Provides Down Payment Assistance

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

Pokagon citizens interested in purchasing a home may qualify for the homeownership program offered through the Department of Housing. This program offers qualifying tribal citizens up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance and up to \$2,500 in closing costs.

To qualify for down payment assistance, tribal members must have income that is 80 percent of the median income and have a credit score of at least 620. The house must be a primary residence located within the ten county service area, and it must pass an inspection by a Housing Building Official. Qualifying citizens are required to attend classes to prepare them for homeownership. "The more people know about homeownership, the less likely they are to fall into foreclosure," said Wendy Lipscomb-Hatcher, Housing Occupancy Specialist. The classes teach future homeowners how to

calculate mortgage rates and create a budget. They also advise participants on how to prepare for maintenance and repairs, and how to save money for appliance purchases or replacements.

The Pokagon Band Housing Department will extend 20 percent of the cost of the home, up to \$30,000, to qualifying citizens. They will also provide three percent of the closing costs, up to \$2,500. Once the assistance is given, a silent lien is placed on the home. "The longer you stay in the home, the less you owe back to the tribe," stated Hatcher. "For example, a five year lien is placed on a home when \$10,000 down payment is provided. After five years, the homeowner does not have to repay anything to the tribe." Should a citizen need to sell the house prior to that time, the amount due back to the tribe is prorated.

While tribal members living outside of the coverage area do not qualify for the Pokagon

Homeownership Program, lending assistance is available through the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program. Section 184 loans can be used for new construction, purchase of an existing home or to refinance. This HUD product encourages lending to Native borrowers because the loans are 100 percent guaranteed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or other Federal or State agencies.

Tribal citizens interested in the Homeownership Program can find additional information and a pre-application form on the Pokagon website. Once a pre-application is submitted, members will be contacted by a member of the Housing Department to set up homeownership classes, verify that they meet program requirements, and place them on the waiting list when applicable.

## Financial Empowerment Program Gets Tribal Citizens Financially Fit

By Jennifer Dougherty

The beginning of a new year prompts many people to make resolutions to improve certain areas of their lives. For those looking to improve their credit and personal finances, the Financial Empowerment Program offered by the Department of Housing has the tools to get the job done.

The Financial Empowerment Program gives tribal citizens the resources they need to achieve financial fitness. Free to all tribal citizens, this class teaches participants how to make a spending plan and raises awareness of how money is being spent. Additionally, they learn about how to preserve good credit or how to make their credit healthier.

"It is very important to understand how credit works," said Wendy Lipscomb-Hatcher, Housing Occupancy Specialist. "Participants learn how to read a credit report, and how to make corrections. We also teach them how their credit report is evaluated by lenders."

Participants are also taught about interest rates and how to calculate monthly payments before taking out a loan. They are encouraged to become smart shoppers by comparing prices and learning the difference between "wants and needs".

Tribal citizen Tina Cheske completed the program and was very impressed with the results. "They challenged us to look closely at our finances," said Tina. "Prior to the class, we didn't really think about credit or know exactly where our money was going."

The Cheske family began tracking all expenses on a dry-erase board, enabling everyone to see how money was being spent. It wasn't long before everyone started making small changes to their spending habits that added up to significant savings. "The board empowered the entire family, and everyone came up with ways to save."

For example, instead of buying a can of pop with lunch each day, her husband started bringing a two liter to work and using cups. They eliminated unnecessary driving to save gas money, and started tracking all eating-out expenses. The Cheske's include a monthly date night in the spending plan, and they even found a way to cut expenses on that outing. "We can save money on our date night by eating at the buffet at Four Winds using my tribal discount," Tina said.

The program encourages participants to set goals using the SMART system. "Goals must be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound," said Hatcher. One main goal of the Cheske family was to eliminate their truck payment, and by embracing good financial habits they were able to pay off the loan last November.

"The coaches were very accessible and willing to help," said Tina. "It's very simple to look at what debts you have out there and tackle them one at a time." The class helped her to regain control of her finances and has also taught her family members the value of financial responsibility.

For additional information, please contact Val Janowski, Financial Empowerment Program Advisor, at 269-462-4255.

## Pokagon Band Citizen-Owned Business of the Month Revelations Tattoo Offers Exceptional Artwork in a Family-Friendly Environment

By Jennifer Dougherty

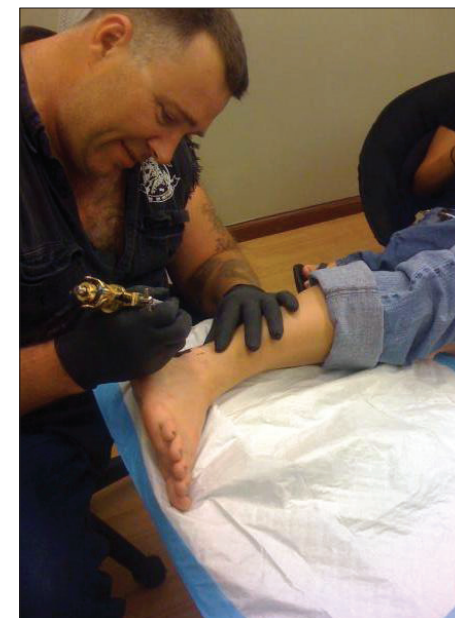
Pokagon Band citizen Keith Wilkinson hoped to one day open his own tattoo shop, and last summer his dream became a reality. Wilkinson took his 23 years of tattoo art experience and opened Revelations Tattoo, located south of Dowagiac on M-51.

Wilkinson's artwork can be described as phenomenal and unique, and he has done extensive tribal design work. "I specialize in customizing design and portraits," said Wilkinson. "I take a portrait and incorporate other artistic elements." One of his custom creations paired an eagle and a portrait of children. The finished piece depicts the eagle's wings wrapped around the children.

Wilkinson's talent as an airbrush artist allows his customers the opportunity to "test drive" their design before getting the actual tattoo. Wilkinson will airbrush the image to the desired area of the skin allowing the customer to try it before they commit to it permanently. "This is something that no other shops are doing," stated Wilkinson. "This really sets us apart from the competition." His airbrush services extend to placing designs on t-shirts, cars, motorcycles and more.

Wilkinson is dedicated to providing a clean, family-friendly environment for his customers, including a play-area for children. He serves the community through involvement in food drives, ministries, and he allows his shop to be used for recovery meetings.

The Pokagon Band has assisted Keith with his business by offering services to help with designing a business plan, credit improvement, and applying for small business loans. He is also working with the Education Department to set up an apprentice program for tribal members. Keith's goal is to give



Keith Wilkinson at work.

Pokagon citizens the opportunity to be his paid apprentice as they work toward certification. Similar apprenticeship programs outside of the tribe are often unpaid and can cost \$5000.

Wilkinson currently has one apprentice, but there is room for him to eventually employ up to four artists. He is hoping that his marketing efforts will draw new customers to help his business to grow. Advertisements can be heard on three local radio stations, and Revelations Tattoo will be featured for a three minute television spot on "The Business Break" on Channel 22.

Revelations Tattoo is currently running a "Tax Time Special" where customers can buy gift certificates at a significant discount. A \$300 gift certificate is on sale for only \$180, and a \$200 gift certificate is only \$135. Appointments must be scheduled Monday through Friday at the time of purchase.

Wilkinson is passionate about his work and committed to the success of his shop, and looks forward to further growth in 2011.



## Pokagon Band Hosts Inaugural New Year's Eve Sobriety Concert

By Theresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture

The Pokagon Band's Departments of Language and Culture and Health Services hosted the Band's first New Year's Eve event on Friday, December 31. The New Year's Eve Sobriety Concert offered an evening full of entertainment with comedian Jim Ruel, musician Bill Miller, and honored hometown drum Ribbontown Singers.

The evening began with a prayer by tribal council member Steve Winchester, followed by a hand drum welcome song from the Ribbontown Singers. Then award-winning actress Irene Bedard and Pokagon citizen and local radio personality Roger Rader, kept the evening rolling as the master and mistress of ceremonies.



Native comedian Jim Ruel entertained the crowd at the Pokagon Band's first ever New Year's Eve concert. Credit to *The Daily News*/John Eby.

The first act to perform was comedian Jim Ruel, who at the last minute replaced comedian Don Burnstick who was unable to attend due to the flu. Jim jumped right in and offered the crowd lots of laughs with his family-friendly native humor. After intermission, musician Bill Miller took the stage and impressed the crowd with his powerful voice and accomplished guitar and flute melodies. A few minutes before midnight, the Ribbontown Singers set-up their drum to prepare for the countdown to the New Year. 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 and the singing began. Ribbontown belted out an honor song at midnight followed by a traveling song. The evening was rich with laughter, music, and culture. Over 250 attendees, comprised of Pokagon citizens and community members, joined in the evening's festivities.

The Department of Language and Culture would like to thank all of those who attended the concert and helped make it a night to remember. We are already discussing New Year's Eve Sobriety event ideas for 2011, so feel free to share your thoughts by e-mailing Teresa Magnuson at [Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov). We hope you can join us next New Year's Eve!

## Construction Updates from Dowagiac and Hartford



The Four Winds North construction site received its first two truckloads of steel Wednesday, January 12. In the contingency of steel workers were two tribal citizens and journeymen steel workers Dave Mix, at left, and Steve Smedburg, right, who had the honor of setting the first column of steel that afternoon.



The Community Center building project is ahead of schedule and the expected completion date is July 10. The two photos above show the completed roof of the main meeting space, and the exposed wood beams of the ceiling.



## After School Activity Program Starting Up

If you have a child between the ages of 7 and 17, this is for you. The Pokagon Band Department of Health Services is starting an after school program that promotes activity, fun and education all rolled into one.

The activity group will be held once a week on Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Each week the Health Department staff will offer a different type of activity: taking trips to swimming pools, bowling alleys, roller skating rinks and much more. Participants will learn the value of healthy activities while having fun.

Plus at the end of the 12-week program children will be entered into winning the grand prize: a Nintendo Wii with the Wii Fitness game. Participants will also be entered in drawings for random prizes throughout the program. In order to be eligible for the grand prize drawing, you must register for this program. Participation in all but two sessions is recommended to be eligible for grand prize drawing.

Program registration will be held at the Department of Health administration building, across from Pokagon Clinic, on February 23,

between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Parents must attend registration with their children to complete registration and consent forms. At sign up families will receive the activity calendar with dates, times and activity details.

Come and join in on all of the fun we have planned! If you have questions you can contact the Community Health Nurses at 269-782-4141, Becky Price, x 224, or Elizabeth Leffler, x 225.

## Senate Bill Gives Greater Freedom to Victims of Domestic Violence

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

On October 1 Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm signed new legislation that allows victims of domestic violence to be released from a lease without negative financial ramifications, giving victims the freedom to leave a dangerous situation without incurring charges.

“This law is likely to have the greatest impact on individuals in abusive relationships rather than those victims of abuse by family members,” stated Kathleen McKee, Michigan Child Welfare Worker for the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services. McKee feels that the law just touches the edge of the domestic violence issue. “This will help people who don’t want to abandon their leases because they are concerned about their credit. However, people living on the edge may just go into hiding and will fall through the cracks.” Proper documentation, including a Personal Protection Order, must be in place before a release is granted. Victims of abuse must often relocate to avoid repeat violations, but there are often financial losses associated with early termination of a lease.

The Pokagon Band has a Domestic Violence Task Force and crisis advocates to assist members who have fallen victim to abuse. “Any time the Tribe can provide services, it is more empowering because Native

Americans tend to be hesitant to trust outsiders,” said McKee. “The approach to counseling a Native American is much different than what is typical in the mainstream.

“Responders need to develop relationships and build trust before discussing the details of a domestic violence incident,” said McKee. Ideally, McKee would like to see an initiative within existing community programs to train responders to deal with Native American victims of domestic violence.

All counties in the Pokagon Band service area have shelters to provide a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. The tribal volunteer task force has people available to help victims move into the shelter, get a personal protection order, and apply for state financial assistance. The Pokagon Band currently does not have transitional housing for people moving out of a shelter. Although discussions of a Pokagon “halfway house” have taken place, no official mandate has been made.

Tribal members are encouraged to contact Tribal Police or local law enforcement agencies if they are victims of domestic abuse. The Department of Social Services has procedures in place to provide proper assistance, and can be reached at 269-782-8998.

## Police Explorers Program Ready to Enroll

**By Jaime Sumners, Community Resource Officer**

The Tribal Police Department is ready to start taking names of youth and families that are interested in applying for the Explorers youth program. We are doing some finishing touches on paperwork and procedures, and need an approximation on how many youngsters are interested. If you are interested or know someone that is, please call the Tribal Police Department and give them your name, age, and telephone number, or ask for my voice mail and leave me a message with your contact information. We need at least five youth, and five adults. The adults chosen will act as an advisory committee for the youth. More information will be given once interviews of both youth and adults are conducted.



## Upcoming Department of Education Workshops and Reminders

### Employment Training Labs

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs.

Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group setting for work entry employability skills and career assessments. These workshops will also provide assistance for those interested in pursuing GED skills and who want to take the GED pre-test assessments at our facility. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals. It's always a good idea to call ahead to let us know you're coming, or to confirm a closure in case of inclement weather.

*\* Late night sessions may be offered as an extension of the planned Wednesday and Tuesday labs until tentatively 6 p.m. upon request. Please call ahead to request late night session and to sign up for the program.*

#### JANUARY

- Lab 1 – Wednesday, January 5, from 8–4:30 \*
- Lab 2 – Saturday, January 8 from 9:45–2:15
- Lab 3 – Tuesday, January 18, from 8–4:30 \*

#### FEBRUARY

- Lab 4 – Wednesday, February 2, from 8–4:30 \*
- Lab 5 – Saturday, February 12 from 9:45–2:15
- Lab 6 – Tuesday, February 15, from 8–4:30 \*

#### MARCH

- Lab 7 – Wednesday, March 2, from 8–4:30 \*
- Lab 8 – Saturday, March 12, from 9:45–2:15
- Lab 9 – Tuesday, March 15, from 8–4:30 \*

If you are interested in learning more about planning to work, resumes, cover letters, career assessments, or taking the GED pretest assessments, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education to sign up for the workshops at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

### Reading Month Madness Event

Come join us for a Literacy Awareness Month event March 25, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Pokagon Band Department of Education. There will be games, free books, reading activities, literacy information, snacks, door prizes, reading strategies, and fun!

### Workforce Investment Act Program

Just a reminder for all of those involved in the Workforce Investment Act program that if you have not already done so, please turn in your next semester schedule along with copies of your semester's grades.

Also, if you are enrolled in the Higher Education program, you must provide the Basic Student Information page, grades, new class schedule, unmet needs form and a book stipend each semester. If you are in both programs, please make or request a copy of the schedule and grades for both programs' files. If you have any questions, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887.

### Kaleidoscope Event

Use your memories to make a movie. Join the Department of Education Saturday, February 5 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and we will help you. Bring video, pictures, and music. This is great way to make a movie of your families, friends and special events. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Connie Baber by Thursday, February 3.

### FAFSA Filing for Sweatshirt

Pokagon students who file the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) for the Fall 2011 semester by March 1 will be eligible for a Pokagon Band Higher Education sweatshirt. For more information, please contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education.

## Elders Council Minutes

January 6, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:00am.

**INVOCATION:** Tom Topash

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, in at 11:15. Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey) Boehm.

**AGENDA:** Arthur Culpepper, Director of Health Services, explained the new procedures that will go into effect February 2011. A question and answer period followed his presentation. Petey needs copies of your Social Security that shows Medicare is being paid. This is so you can be reimbursed for the Medicare that was taken from your SS check.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** A question was put forth as to why we no longer send out mailers. As we now put the minutes in the newsletter and special announcements we feel this is no longer necessary. In the absence of the

cook, Cass County Council on Aging will furnish the meals. A temporary worker from the Band will help with the set-up and clean-up.

**MINUTES:** The December minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes Ruth supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Ken moved to accept the Treasurers report, Audrey supported, (5) yes, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David Mix explained the Fathers Tradition; he would like to have some Elders volunteer for an Elders panel. Men and Women can serve as volunteers on the panel, but the Women cannot attend the Tradition meetings. Tom Topash volunteered for the Elders panel.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jackets were discussed, an application form will be sent to each Elder member which is to be filled out and returned. Letters will go out in about two weeks. There is no need to call; the letter will state what has to be done.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A thank you note was received from Cheri the cook thanking the Elders for the Christmas bonus. Another note was received from the Compass Coach bus driver, thanking us for using their bus line.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Active Living will stop Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 and resume March 2011.

Basket making will be held January 12, 2011, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Chili cook off will be held January 20, 2011. So dust off that favorite recipe.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Clarence White, Richard Hiler, Elaine Underwood, Tom Trux.

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:** Dan & Margaret Rapp, Lee & Ruth Salvidar.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Ruth supported, (5) yes, Adjourned at 1:33 pm

## February Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



**Logan Schmidt** is an 11 year old fifth grade student at Sister Lakes Elementary in Dowagiac, Michigan. He loves to attend pow wows, and enjoys the movie the Tribal Council sponsors every year. He has also participated in the tutoring program provided by the Department of Education. Logan's favorite foods include cheese pizza and the buffet at Four Winds. He loves to play his PSP, Wii and Xbox 360. Logan reads with his Mom, helps his Dad cut and stack wood for the fireplace, and has fun sledding with his sisters and friends. When Logan is older, he wants to be a storm chaser as he likes to study all different kinds of weather changes. He is proud to tell everyone he is Native American, and loves to learn the history of the tribe. One day, Logan would like to be able to speak the tribal language. He has two sisters: Miranda and Kira. His parents are Carl and Terri Schmidt. His grandparents are Rolland and Beverly Linn, Paul and Lynne Gaylor, and Margaret Schmidt.



**Jared Williams** attends fourth grade at Saranac Elementary in Lowell, Michigan and is 10 years old. He loves to go to pow wows and eat fry bread with his grandpa Sylvester. Jared's favorite foods are pizza and waffles. He enjoys Cub Scouts, Legos, Ninja Turtles, and video games. When Jared grows up he would like to be an artist. He has two brothers, Peter and Charley.

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

### Womens' Drum Practice

#### Dates:

February 23, 2011  
March 16, 2011  
April 20, 2011

#### Time:

6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Location:

Tribal lodge  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

ALL LADIES AND GIRLS WELCOME!

Join us to welcome our guest presenter to learn hand drum teachings and songs.

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men's drum class.

If you have a hand drum or rattle please bring it to class, but it is not necessary to participate.



Everyone is invited!

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist

Office: 269-462-4261

E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

## Meet the Elder of the Month: Betty McBride

I'm Elizabeth Phoebe McBride, also known as Betty. I'm the daughter of the late Leonard and Mary Church, and was born May 20, 1950. I'm a retired licensed practical nurse. I still do part time home care and work at local health fairs. I'm a member of the United Methodist Salem Indian Mission, where I have attended all my life. I also have attended Native American contextual weekly circle for the last four years. I am a proud Pokagon Elder, and a cancer survivor since 2005.

I love spending time with my family: daughter Liz Glowacki, her husband Dave and two children Justin, age 11, and Echo, age 9; my son Michael McBride, his wife Peggy and three children Makayla, age 7, Makennaa, age 4, and little Michael, 6 months.

I love living in Michigan—all the seasons, all the holidays. I also enjoy church activities, reading, taking walks outside, shopping, pow wows, going to movies, working on crafts, trying new things and babysitting my grandchildren. I enjoy spending time with my extended family and friends, doing fun things like going to parties and taking Pokagon Elders trips.





## Citizens Gather to Make Affordable Holiday Gifts

By Penny Brant,  
Education Coordinator

Those searching for affordable gifts to give for Christmas had fun with us on December 16 at the Administration Building. Valerie Janowski, advisor to the Financial Empowerment Program, Susan Gundersen, nutritionist, and I combined creativity and resources and invited Pokagon parents and guardians to an evening workshop focusing on affordable gift giving. This adults-only evening included supper followed by an evening of delightful company and tasty gifts to make for others.

The main focus was assembling soup in a jar by layering dry ingredients for calico bean soup in quart mason jars, decorating the lid, and attaching the recipe. The lucky recipients of those gifts just needed to add water, a few carrots, and celery for a warm, healthy dinner. Other recipes were available for the cornbread and brownies that could be served with the meal.

Personalized stamp pads got a lot of attention and added to the warm laughter of the evening. All who were there agreed that this was a great and worthwhile way to spend an evening, and it was a strong step toward more multi-department sponsored events.



Lester Keson is intent on decorating his gift of soup.



Dawn Mendoza and Mark Sponseller prepare their soup jars to give to loved ones.

## It Is Time to Think About Summer Jobs

By Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

The Department of Education is excitedly looking ahead to Summer 2011. We are already planning for summer school, the summer enrichment program, awards celebrations, and more. If you are looking for a fun job for the summer, the Department of Education will soon be taking applications.

Summer youth interns and college summer interns are a major component of our summer programs. The summer youth interns (14 to 18 years old) work during the four weeks from July 5 through July 28. College interns are a part of the staff for more of the summer.

We also will be filling positions for kindergarten through sixth grade summer school, which runs Monday through Thursday, starting Tuesday, July 5 until Thursday, July 28. Summer school personnel includes certified teachers, a cook, and members of the college intern and summer youth internship program.

Questions? Please feel free to contact the Department of Education at 888-330-1234 and 269-782-0887. We love talking about this and helping you plan!

## Kids: Are You Ready for Summer Fun?

The Department of Education is already gearing up for the summer. Keep your eyes open for information about the Graduates' Banquet, the summer enrichment program, summer camp, summer school, summer youth internship program, Back-to-School event, and more. These activities are created around cultural, academic, and social growth and are gifts to the children from the Pokagon Band and the Johnson-O'Malley program.

The **Graduates Banquet** is a time to honor the academic growth of our graduating students. A wide span of accomplishments is acknowledged—grades, attendance, extra-curricular activities—and a great feast is shared.

**Summer Enrichment** gives youth the chance to attend the enrichment program of their choice and the Pokagon Band pays for much, if not all of it, depending on the cost of the event. This past summer, students attended various camps for sports, music, church, day camps, driver's education, cooking, summer school, and even skateboarding. Now is the time to look for those events. The deadlines for application are on a rolling basis:

- February 15, 2011: Only youth who are applying for the first time this year.
- March 15, 2011: All youth including those who have applied in previous years.
- April 15th, May 15th, and June 15th: Those who miss the previous deadlines, until the places are all filled.
- If places are open after May 15th, then June 15th is the final deadline.

**Summer School** for students entering kindergarten through sixth grade offers a balance of academic, cultural, and social teachings. The four weeks in July are filled with learning and fun.

The **Summer Youth Internship Program** is a great way for youth to experience working together for the Tribe. The interns are welcomed into various departments to learn the skills they need for that area, strengthen their resumes, and earn some money while they are at it.

We will have more information coming your way about ages, dates, and other specifics. And remember, you can always call us with questions at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Or feel free to e-mail for more info: [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



## Introducing Our K–12 Resource Specialist, Conrad Church

**By Penny Brant, Education Coordinator**

*The K–12 staff is excited about the addition of our K–12 resource specialist Conrad Church. Before you read his own introduction below, I want to share why we are excited that he is here. Conrad is extremely aware of the joys and needs of our program due to his involvement in the Indian Education Parent Committee, experiences as camp coordinator, auxiliary tutor, and volunteer for a variety of events, and his involvement with his children. We will benefit immensely from Conrad's insight, energy, and enthusiasm. His position touches many points: the one most visible to the tribal citizens at this time is working with the families and the schools for placing tutors. Migwetch, Conrad, for joining the Department of Education.*

I have been married to my lovely wife Kathy for over twenty years and have two wonderful children. My daughter Cassondra a senior in high school, and my son Collin is in eleventh grade and dual enrolled at Grand Valley State University. I am the son of the late Leonard and Mary Church. I earned my degree from Grand Valley State in education. I love playing basketball, lacrosse, and most sports. I enjoy spending my time with my family. I am a Pokagon Band citizen and I am looking forward to carrying on the traditions of my mother and her work she has done for our tribe helping it grow and become better, and stronger for our future.



Conrad Church settles in to his new role in the Department of Education.

## February Ushers in the National Month to Celebrate Hearts and Heart Health

**By Susan Gundersen, Dietician**

With thoughts of big red hearts on Valentine's Day, this month is also recognized as a time to focus on our heart health. The Department of Health Services reminds you that celebrating good health and healthy traditions prepare the hearts for a healthy tomorrow.

Strength, wisdom, and good health are American Indian birthrights. Elders taught many healthy ways that were practiced for many generations. Over time, some healthy traditions have been traded for unhealthy ways that increased the chance of disease. Today, heart disease is the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Native foods and traditional ways can help your heart stay healthy. Hearty and high fiber foods such as beans, corn, pumpkin, squash, and berries are available year round. These soluble fiber foods are known to help lower blood cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar. Nuts, fish, deer, rabbit and duck can be included as heart healthy, too. These lean meats or fish with omega-3 fatty acids help provide natural protection for our heart and blood vessels. Today, many American families choose foods that are high in fat, sugar, and salt. We also eat more than we used to and move a lot less than we once did. Many of these habits can lead to disease.

Here are some tips for making heart healthy choices:

- Stop smoking
- Choose fish, fowl, buffalo, and venison or lean cuts of beef, pork, or lamb.
- Bake, broil, boil, steam, or roast. Fry foods less often, and use vegetable oil instead of lard or shortening.
- Drink and eat low-fat dairy foods.
- Eat more high fiber foods like brown rice, corn, whole grains, and fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Drain and rinse off canned vegetables to lower the salt content.
- Drain and rinse off heavy syrup canned fruits or purchase the juice-packed canned fruits.
- Get up and move for at least thirty minutes most days of the week
- Relax, meditate, deep breathe, or listen to music or nature to reduce stress.

Join us at the Pokagon Band Administration Building break room on February 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a Heart Healthy Program and Food Demonstration. Class size is limited to 15 people. Please call Susan Gundersen, Dietitian, 782-4141 x 343 or 888-440-1234 x 343 to sign up or get more information.

Life's Balance Through Weight Loss: Did you know that over 25 illnesses are associated with overweight or obesity? To find the path to wellness, join us for a Wellness through Nutrition Program that promotes healthy strategies for weight loss. If you are interested in this eight-week program please call and enroll with Susan Gundersen at 782-4141 x 343, or 888-440-1234 x 343. It will begin February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the South Bend/Mishawaka Office, 310 West McKinley Ave., Mishawaka, Indiana.

### **AA/NA Meetings**

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



## From the Tribal Council Chairman

The holidays are over and it's time to get back to serious work. I guess that means writing articles again. I hope everyone had time to enjoy their families and all the other great things this time of year brings. I was fortunate to have all my kids home, in particular my daughter who is in the Navy. I'm now up to five grandchildren; I guess I'm getting old. They sure were fun; it brings back memories of my kids when they were little.

The application for land in trust for Indiana was filed this past month. It has been a long time coming, but we have finally cleared that hurdle. We can now become more public when we talk about the services we would like to provide for our citizens who live there. Mark Parrish and his planning team are working hard to help council with the master planning that needs to be done as we grow.

In addition, council has hired the KPMG firm to review our government operations to determine our efficiencies and deficiencies. The goal is to determine how we can better serve our citizens. This has been a work in progress. We, including our directors, have met individually with their team to talk about how we do business and what is our expected outcome. I believe this will be very beneficial to our council and Directors as we strive to improve our delivery of service and determine if other services should be provided.

The Hartford satellite property is progressing on schedule. It is expected that the building could be enclosed by the end of March which will keep us on track for a late summer opening. We have several tribal citizens working on site with more to be employed as the need arises. The expansion at Four Winds continues to move forward. All plans should be in place as the window of opportunity for refinancing opens again. The will create additional opportunities for our citizens for employment. These are positive times for us as Pokagon citizens.



This summer will also bring the opening of the community center in our village. Master planning is ongoing to determine the next steps in expanding the village. Jim Coleman, Housing Director and his staff are busy with meetings developing suggestions to council and planning staff. I would also like to give a special thanks to Jim and his staff for their idea about a visit to our village residents from Santa Claus. They were able to pull this off as a surprise. Old and young alike treated Santa very nicely and I understand he had a good time visiting and is looking forward to a visit again next year. He was glad to see that not everyone thinks he is a myth.

I'm sure you have heard about the town hall meetings facilitated by the Health Director. I hope those who may be affected are attending these meetings and asking questions. These changes are not changes sought by the Director or the tribe, but are actually changes that will bring us in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Indian Health Act. It appears we have never been in compliance, and I applaud the Director for the action he is taking and his dedication to making sure everyone has the opportunity to hear about how our health care will be implemented in the near future. Change is never easy, but this change will allow us to keep our health care service for our citizens. The Director has been working with our Communications Director to make sure the information is provided for everyone's review, which included a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) in the December newsletter as well as articles in the three newsletters prior to that. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Director, or a council person with your concerns. Our goal is to make sure everyone understands the process. We all appreciate your patience as we go through this process.

In closing, my door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area stop in and say hello.

Matt

## Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility "to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children," through our Child Protection Code. "The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band" says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

## February Missing Addresses for Direct Deposit

It would be much appreciated if the following individuals would update their addresses with the Pokagon enrollment office. The tribe sent out a \$500 Christmas check in December and the following individual's direct deposit copies were returned. It is extremely important to update your address every time you move. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the enrollment office at 269-782-1763.

Gary Ballew	Karen Hinegardner	Natalie Rose
Jesse Ballew	John Holley	Melisha Sanders
Michael Bickel	Aaron Horner	Deborah Schippers
Brandon Bontrager	Senequa Ivy	Kevin Schrouder
Kara Braxton	Jenna Kararian	Gordon Schultz
Kimberly Braxton	Jody Kendall	Wendy Sigfrids
Jeffrey Bressler	Carly Lafeve	Nicole Smiechowski
Norman Burfield	David Lenox	Stephanie Smith
Jeffery Collett	D'Vontae Lewis	Matthew Swisher
Bennie Cowgill	Daniel Lopez	Gary Tufford
Monica DeGraw	Anastacia Magnuson	Jacob Wallin
Dustin Dixon	Jessica Mix	Bo Walters
Michelle Fobes	Michelle Mize	Nicole Wesaw
Cindy Gonzalez	Tenike Mize	Pete Wesaw
Steffan Gonzalez	James Murray	Mandy Wessell
Orville Goss	David Person	Ashlee Wilbur
Christina Gousetis	Anthony Quigno	Charles Williams
Christopher Green	Bradley Ramirez	Randin Wilson
Ryan Grigonis	Cameron Rider	
Garrison Grubb	Jasen B Rider	

## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture



### Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon

**Date:** Saturday, February 26, 2011

**Time:** 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



#### Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Bring your family out to join us for an afternoon of storytelling and snow snake games. If you have already made a snow snake stick please bring it to the February event. If you do not have one, we will be working on making them as well. Please dress warm because we will be outside playing to see who is the SNOW SNAKE CHAMPION!



#### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, *Culture Specialist*

Office: 269- 462-4261 • E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

- 1** Gaming Authority Meeting, noon, Four Winds
- 7** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 8** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 12** Tribal Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Lodge
- 14** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 15** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 21** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 22** Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 24** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 28** Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

## Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.



## Salary Commission Seeking Member

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band members to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Salary Commission. The Salary Commission is an independent board required by the Constitution and created by the adoption of the Salary Commission Code. The Salary Commission is responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels to be paid to the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges, and such other elected or appointed positions as may be designated by the Tribal Council. The time commitment required for service on the Salary Commission averages approximately 10 to 15 hours per month, but may vary depending upon the needs of the Commission, which meets more frequently as the Commission prepares and presents its recommendations to the Tribal Council. Apart from time spent at Salary Commission meetings, Salary Commission members may spend additional hours per month engaged in other Salary Commission activities. The Salary Commission Code is available at: <http://www.pokagon.com/codes/SalaryCommissionCode082907.pdf>

The Salary Commission meets approximately once a month, with additional meetings scheduled throughout the year as necessary. Salary Commissioners are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150.00 for attending each Salary Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Salary Commission business.

To serve as a Salary Commissioner, a Band member must:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
- (c) Not have been convicted within the last ten years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights;

- (d) Not be a member of the Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Election Board, an Officer of the Elders Council, or an employee of the Band; and
- (e) Not hold a Pokagon Band elective office other than the one for which a seat is being sought or be a member of the Election Board, the Ethics Board, or any Personnel Committee the Tribal Council may establish.

Salary Commissioners are initially elected by the citizens; however, the Tribal Council is required by the Constitution to fill a vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. There is currently one vacant seat on the Salary Commission that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment. The vacant seat has approximately seven months remaining in its term.

Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran  
Pokagon Band Tribal Council Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 180, 58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047  
ATTN: Salary Commission Vacancy

Applications must be received on or before Friday, February 11, 2011.

Questions concerning the Salary Commission, the Salary Commission Code, or this Notice may be directed to the Chair of the Salary Commission, Jim Topash, at 231-590-8256 or [jtopash@gmail.com](mailto:jtopash@gmail.com) or [salary.commission@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:salary.commission@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

As Public Officials, Salary Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in §8.15, regarding appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at 888-376-9988 or on-line at:

[http://www.pokagon.com/codes/Code%20of%20Ethics%20\(current%20101011\).pdf](http://www.pokagon.com/codes/Code%20of%20Ethics%20(current%20101011).pdf)



## February 2011 Department of Language and Culture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Language Class (7 of 14); Mastermind Series (Staff Only)	2 Mastermind Series (Staff Only)	3 Language Class (8 of 14)	4	5
6	7 Elder's Language Class	8 Language Class (9 of 14)	9	10 Language Class (10 of 14)	11	12
13	14 Elder's Language Class	15 Language Class (11 of 14)	16	17 Language Class (12 of 14); Lunch-and-Learn with Dr. Flynn (Staff Only)	18 Community Wellness Gathering (Topic: Language Revitalization)	19 Community Wellness Gathering (Topic: Language Revitalization)
20	21 Elder's Language Class	22 Language Class (13 of 14); Native Healing (Jake)	23 Native Healing (Jake & Barb); Women's Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	24 Language Class (14 of 14); Native Heal- ing (Jake & Barb); Co-ed Sweat Lodge (Jake)	25 Native Healing (Barb); Women's Sweat Lodge (Barb)	26 Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon
27	28 Elder's Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting					

Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Community Wellness Event - Bear Cave Resort, Fri. 5 - 9pm, Sat. 9 - 6pm  
Elder's Language Class - Elder's Hall, 11am - 12pm  
Language Class - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Native Healing with Traditional Counselor, Barb Peltier - Teaching Cabin, 1 - 5pm

Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Storytelling & Snow Snake Games - Tribal Lodge, 1pm - 4 pm  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Women's Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm  
Women's Sweat Lodge with Barb Peltier- Teaching Cabin, 6pm - 8 pm

## February - April

### Dates:

Tuesdays - Thursdays

February 22 - 24, 2011 (Jake)

February 23 - 25, 2011 (Barb)

March 22 - 24, 2011 (Jake)

April 19 - 21, 2011 (Jake)

April 20 - 22, 2011 (Barb)

### Individual Appt. Times:

Jake, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Barb, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Location:

Teaching Cabin  
Roger's Lake Campground  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Visiting with Counselors & Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language and Culture



# Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, and Barb Peltier, traditional counselor, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment(s) (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. and Barb will run a women's sweat lodge in February and April on Friday nights also at 6:00 p.m.



### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*

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## Mno Bmadson Seeking Business and Financial Operations Manager

### Job Summary:

Financial and Operations Management Director will develop, direct, and oversee business, accounting and financial functions of Mno Bmadson and its businesses; develop and grow profitable new businesses; and maintain effective key relationships. In addition, the director will identify and evaluate possible business opportunities and lead negotiations from beginning to end. An ability to work with Native American tribes and in business communities, superior communication, interpersonal, and team working skills are essential components of this position. Requires some travel, evening and weekend meeting attendance.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

Works collaboratively with the Board to develop and execute a vision and business strategy to enhance the economic self-determination of the Pokagon Band.

Set up and oversees accounting and financial functions including budgets, forecasts, revenue, expenses, and internal controls. Prepares and presents to the Board regular financial status reports, separate and consolidated financial statements for Mno Bmadson.

Ensures that all required fiscal reports are prepared as scheduled and submitted on a timely basis to the appropriate agencies.

Coordinates a year-end audit of enterprise activities with external auditors.

Sets up and attends all Board meetings. Reviews, analyzes and summarizes proposals and makes presentations and recommendations to the Board and relevant leadership and management groups.

Performs and reports to the board analyses of market demand, competition, demographics and new technologies, identifies potential mergers, acquisitions, and new business opportunities that are in alignment with the enterprise mission, values and benefit to the tribe.

For Board approved initiatives, plans and coordinates start-up activities.

Assists with negotiation and management of professional service contracts, property sales or acquisitions, company mergers or acquisitions, and other negotiations as required.

Prepares grant proposals and applications, contracts and other necessary documents as may be required for public and/or private service.

Gathers information and prepares necessary studies, reports and recommendations on utilities, taxes, zoning, transportation, community services, financing tools and incentives and other pertinent information.

Acts as the official representative of the Board of Directors in interacting with tribal, state, local and federal officials, private business people and other individuals and groups.

Coordinates with other local, regional, state, federal or tribal efforts that may be complementary to the programs and projects of the enterprise.

Provides direct supervision for any enterprise staff. Communicates a vision and obtains commitment from employees, motivating them to perform the job and work toward common objectives. Maintains strong, professional, trusting and positive working relationships with staff employees, the Board, Tribal leadership, the general public, area businesses, customers, clients, vendors, the media, and others.

Additional duties as assigned by the Board.

### Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities:

Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis of financial data.

Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resources allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources.

Knowledge of tribal government structure and operation, including budgetary procedures and 8A entities.

Knowledge of Pokagon Band history and culture.

Ability to speak and present effectively.

Ability to use and interpret engineering, real estate, personnel and marketing terminology and language.

Ability to write effective communication with business executives and government officials.

Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with a diverse population.

Ability to Read and comprehend: complex legal documents, development agreements and contracts, executive business letters and communications, development-related documents, budget documents, business magazines journals, newspapers & technical reports, ect.

Ability to motivate and effectively supervise subordinates.

Proficient in Microsoft Office; QuickBooks.

Must be a self-starter and have a strong work ethic.

### Education and Specifications

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or other business related field.

MBA preferred.

5–7 years of experience in the successful development and/or management of multiple businesses.

Previous grant writing experience desired.

Must be willing to submit to and pass an alcohol and drug screening; and a background investigation.

Must have a valid driver's license and be able to meet the minimum insurance requirements regarding driving record in order to utilize GSA vehicles.

### Indian Preference

Pokagon Band Indian hiring preference policies apply.

### Reports To

Reports to the Chairperson of Mno Bmadson.

### Starting Wage Rate

Commensurate with education and experience.

Please forward cover letters and resumes to John Hieronymus at john.hieronymus@pokagonband-nsn.gov by February 11, 2011.



# Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering



*Mno-Widokéwenké  
(Making Good Assistance)*



**Dates:** February 18 & 19, 2011  
**Times:** Friday, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Bear Cave Resort,  
4085 Bear Cave Road, Buchanan, MI 49107  
**Facilitators:** Native Wellness Institute

**Presented by the**  
Department of Language and Culture,  
Department of Social Services,  
Behavioral Health and Inter-Tribal Council  
Access to Recovery,  
Pokagon Promise

*The Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering is developed with the goal of making a “head to heart” connection. Through culture, wellness, and knowledge, participants will make a journey to awareness and potential positive behavior change, with a focus on language revitalization. A unique perspective will include looking at the historical perspectives of when and how the language started to “disappear,” acknowledge the cultural pain around that and plan to move forward to regain the language. As a result, participants will be better equipped to make healthier choices to ultimately be a positive and contributing member to his/her family, workplace, community, and the tribe as a whole. The topics will be combined with fun and interactive activities as well that are relevant to both individuals who have been on the wellness path, and for first-timers!*

**Contact Information:** Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture  
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**Door prizes • Give Away • Family Event • Meals Provided**



## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

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**Administration**  
Information Technology  
58620 Sink Rd.  
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Toll Free 800-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-6882

**Social Services**  
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Toll Free 800-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-4295

**Health Services /**  
Behavioral Health  
57392 M 51 South  
269-782-4141 /  
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FAX 269-782-8797

**Natural Resources**  
32142 Edwards St.  
269-782-9602 Phone  
269-783-0452 Fax

**Education and Training**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-0887/  
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**Finance**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-8998 /  
Toll Free 800-517-0777  
FAX 269-782-1028

**Enrollment**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-782-1763 /  
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**Commodities**  
269-782-3372 /  
Toll Free 888-281-1111  
FAX 269-782-7814

**Head Start**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-783-0026/  
866)-250-6573  
FA 269-782-9795

**South Bend Area Office**  
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Ste. 300  
Mishawaka, IN 46545  
574-255-2368 /  
Toll Free 800-737-9223  
FAX 574-255-2974

**Housing**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
269-783-0443 /  
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**Tribal Court**  
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269-782-2232 /  
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Per Capita Payment Schedule 2011

Date by which Finance Department must receive changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date /direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Tribal Council Directory

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Marie.Manley@pokagonband-nsn.gov

February Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.	1 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, & carrots Garden Salad Blueberry Crisp Roll	2 Tomato Tortellini Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Tray Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese	3 Business Salmon Patties Bakes Steak Fries Green Bean Casserole Ambrosia Salad Roll Cake	4 Buffalo Meatloaf Baked Potato Corn on the Cob Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Roll
7 Language Sea Bass Black Beans and Rice Vegetable Kabobs Strawberries and Blueberries Angel Food Cake / Roll	8 CTater Tot Casserole W/ Italian Ground Turkey and Mixed Veggies Coleslaw/ Sliced Tomatoes Peaches Cornbread	9 Buffalo Lasagna Garden Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup Garlic Bread	10 Swedish Meatballs W/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans Waldorf Salad Roll	11 Minestrone Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Spinach Salad Fruit
14 Language Pork Steaks Baked Potato Asparagus Tomato Salad Spiced Apple Rings Roll	15 Potato Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Garden Salad Fruit Cup	16 Beef Roast Potatoes & Rutabaga Carrots Tossed Salad/ Cottage Cheese Roll	17 Social Buffalo Sloppy Joes on a Bun Baked Beans Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Jell-O Fruit	18 Baked Salmon Wild Rice Pilaf Garden Salad Carrots & Peas Melon Slices Roll
21 Language Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Peas Fruit / Roll	22 BBQ Pork Chops Baked Steak Fries Brussels Sprouts Garden Salad Apple Crisp Roll	23 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Fruit Salad Corn Bread Sherbet	24 Baked Chicken Red Potatoes Summer Squash and Zucchini Garden Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	25 Low Sodium Ham Sweet Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots Spinach Salad Roll
28 Language Turkey Stuffed Peppers Alfredo Noodles Tomatoes/ Cottage Cheese Watermelon Roll		Please Note: Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.		



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday **Gary Morseau II**  
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, Sydney, and Chelsy

Happy Birthday to the best Mom and Nokie ever!  
We love you always and forever and are thankful to have you in our life.  
Happy Birthday, **Susie Gego!**  
Love, Rhonda and Mizhiki

Happy Birthday,Arkansas Grandbabies:  
**Kain McWhorter**  
8 years old **January 3**  
**Molly Sorters**  
9 years old **January 29**

Happy Birthday, **Tessa Maleski**  
Sweet 16 on **February 6**, and congrats on getting your braces off!

Happy Birthday, **Sawyer Maleski**  
2 years old **February 18**

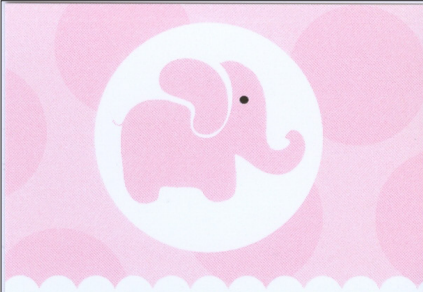
**Luke Sorters**  
3 years old **February 20**  
With Love From Granny & Papa McWhorter

Happy Birthday to my sweet niece, **Savly Gatties**,  
**Febuary 11**  
Love you,Aunt Mart

Happy Birthday to my very caring, understanding and supportive brother, **Kenneth Antisdel**,  
**February 16**.  
Love your sister, Mart




Happy Birthday,  
**Tank Birks**  
Remember your Hulk impersonation?  
Love, Big Daddy and Monica



Skylar  
Roselynn  
Goodrich

Born on December 22, 2010  
At 7:10 pm  
Weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces  
Measuring 20.5 inches

Patricia and Alex



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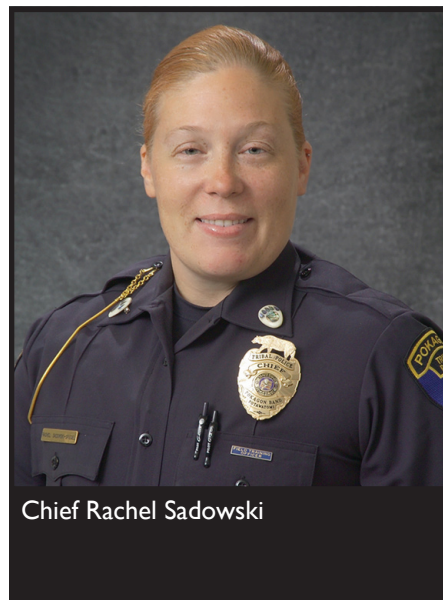
## Chief of Tribal Police Raises Department Profile

In addition to her duties as Chief of the Tribal Police Department, Rachel Sadowski has made networking with other law enforcement officials and agencies a priority.

"I make time for this because so many other law enforcement entities don't know what tribal police do," she said. "I believe promoting my department in these organizations will help raise awareness and increase understanding among other police. We don't want people to make assumptions, and I want to promote all the good things that my department and my officers do."

January was her first meeting as secretary /treasurer of Berrien County Police Services. This two year appointment serves on the board of the organization that brings together county sheriffs, municipal police departments, county courts and prosecutor's offices in Berrien County.

She was recently nominated to the position of treasurer of Western Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, which is a subset of the



Chief Rachel Sadowski

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP). This organization includes a 22-county area from Berrien County to Gratiot County in the north and Hillsdale County to the east. It meets twice a year.

The police chief has assumed the responsibilities of facilitating the Michigan Tribal Law Enforcement Association, or MITLEA. This tribal law enforcement organization made

up of 11 tribal police departments hasn't been as active lately, but Sadowski feels it's important to continue networking with other tribal police be able to support one another. She'll be planning gatherings, bringing topics to the agenda, and trying to meet on a quarterly basis.

She also sits on the public education/public relations executive board of the Michigan chapter of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national organization helping kids get the right start in life by avoiding involvement in criminal activity. Though her involvement with the MACP's Youth Scholarship Committee she helps review applications and select a recipient of the Annual Youth Scholarship Award.

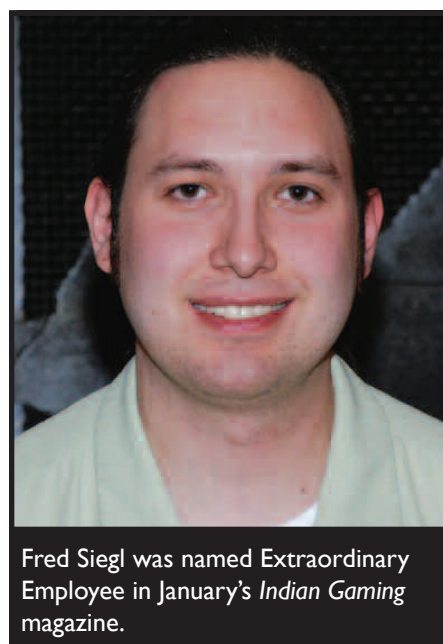
"Both of these involve youth, which is important to me," said Chief Sadowski. "We all know the saying, 'children are our future' and I believe that, but they need encouragement. By participating in these two groups I hope I can give them what they need to succeed in whatever area they choose."

## Citizen Featured in Gaming Magazine

*Indian Gaming* magazine has named Fred Siegl Extraordinary Employee for the month of January 2011. Siegl works as a Slot Floor Person at Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Michigan, where he has been a valuable part of the team since 2007. "Fred started as a dispatcher and quickly picked up the skills to be successful," said Frank Kennedy, Vice President of Slot Operations, who nominated Fred. "He showed he was very reliable and had an easygoing personality that meshed well with both his position and co-workers."

When a position for slot floor person opened up in 2008, Fred was an obvious candidate. "After about five months in slot dispatch, I moved up to my current position and have done this for over two years now," said Fred. During his time on the floor, he has received three perfect external secret shops as well as consistently excellent internal shops.

Fred enjoys the customer service aspect of the slot floor, especially the excitement that comes with jackpots. "I enjoy helping people out," he said. "I've been working with the public since I was sixteen. I like helping people



Fred Siegl was named Extraordinary Employee in January's *Indian Gaming* magazine.

who have never been to the casino before and teaching them how to use the machines." As a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, which owns and operates Four Winds, Fred also enjoys helping his tribe gain financial independence. Fred has undergone extensive training, including participating in the company's tribal development program as well as completing several leadership courses, such as the Dale Carnegie training course. "I also serve as a job coach, something I'm very proud of," said Fred. "I train new employees, get them situated in and familiar with the slot department."

Fred strives to deliver his best performance, regardless of the task. "This applies to any job," he said. "I strive to be the best I can and to master my job." Fred plans to move up to a supervisory position, which he hopes will give him a better understanding of operations and an opportunity to lead an outstanding team. "Teamwork is a major focus for us and Four Winds has one of the best teams out there."

*Reprinted from Indian Gaming, January 2011.*



**Pokagon Band Citizen-Owned Business Spotlight: Custom Guitar Maker Sells Instruments Worldwide****By Jennifer Dougherty**

Tribal citizen TJ Martin has been playing the guitar for 22 years, and he has been known to modify his instruments to suit his specific needs. He has never been afraid to tear his instrument apart, cut the body, reshape the neck, and even repaint it to get exactly what he wanted. His knack for rebuilding guitars eventually morphed into his own custom guitar business named TJ's Monster Guitars.

The business started six years ago when Martin hoped to acquire a custom guitar that was no longer being produced. The existing guitars available cost a minimum of \$5000, which was out of his price range. This dilemma prompted him to produce a replica of the guitar from scratch. Since then, TJ has made a name for himself in the guitar world by producing high-quality, artistically designed, custom guitars.

Since starting his business in 2005, TJ has sold his guitars to buyers around the globe. "I have my guitars on most continents," states Martin. "I'd really like to have guitars in Japan and South America. Then I'd have all of the major land masses covered."

All of Martin's business has come through word of mouth advertising. Satisfied customers recommend him to their friends, and he also networks with fellow musicians online. He utilizes Facebook and MySpace to promote his business, and he also frequents a few message boards dedicated to music and guitars.

He uses premium materials to build his guitars from scratch. "If you can dream it, I can build it", states Martin. After selecting the wood, Martin goes to work hand carving the instrument. "Each guitar is unique, and a lot of time and energy goes into creating them," says Martin. The guitars are also painted to the customer's specifications with designs ranging from solid colors to intricate flames.

Each guitar is one of a kind and is customized for the musician, and the feedback he has received from buyers has been tremendous. He once sold his dream guitar to a buyer who later ended up reselling it to someone who intended to sell the premium parts for profit. The final buyer later contacted TJ and told him that he had started playing the guitar and thought that it was the most phenomenal instrument he had seen.

Because of the demands of his full-time job, TJ is only able to dedicate about four hours each week to his guitar business. Therefore, each guitar takes roughly six to nine months to complete depending on the complexity of the design. He would like to eventually work on his guitars full-time, which would cut the production time to two weeks per guitar.

Martin would like TJ Monster Guitars to become a mail-order business servicing customers worldwide. He has modeled his business after the retailer Carvin Guitars, however he offers his customers many more custom options. Right now, Martin wants to get as many of his guitars out into



TJ Martin tries out one of his custom-made guitars.

the music world as possible, because visibility is the key to growing his business.

He currently plays guitar in a band that covers rock music from such bands as Whitesnake. He can be seen playing a guitar of his own design at shows in the Mishawaka, Indiana area.

**March is Foot Health Month**

Feet can take a beating, and with the 28 bones in each foot, feet feature some of the body's most complex mechanisms. As your feet age, they get longer, wider, and flatter, which just increases the issues associated with your feet. Natural padding in the heel thins, arches fall, and such deformities as hammer toes and bunions are not uncommon as humans get older.

Foot care also becomes more challenging with the aging process. Clipping toenails, for example, becomes a more precarious activity as eyesight fades and fingers lose dexterity. Some of the more common issues with feet are swelling, fungal infections, and complications of diabetes. All diabetic patients should perform daily foot examinations to be sure they don't

have any open sores or changes in the skin condition. Some types of diseases make it hard for people to feel their feet. This can cause issues because a sore can go unnoticed for long periods of time increasing the chance of infection and loss of limbs.

If you would like a foot exam or referral to have foot and nail care performed, please contact the health office at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234. We also have a community health nurse who is trained to perform foot and nail care for members, and two nurses are scheduled to take foot training in February. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the health office today.

**Pokégnek Yajdanawa**

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Pokagon Band Partners with Potawatomi Zoo

### New River Otter Exhibit Will Help Raise Awareness of Conservation and Culture

In December the Pokagon Band tribal council approved a new partnership with the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Indiana, and Pokagon Band citizens can now take advantage of several partnership benefits.

Citizens are eligible for an exclusive, thirty percent discounted zoo membership. This is the lowest discount the zoo has ever offered. With membership, citizens will have free unlimited admission to the Potawatomi Zoo for a year, and free or discounted admission to over one hundred zoos nationwide, including zoos in Detroit, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Lansing, Michigan, and Fort Wayne and Michigan City in Indiana. For a family membership, the cost is discounted to \$42 from the \$60 regular price. Also, tribal artists will have the opportunity to display and sell their artwork through the zoo's gift shop, website and newsletter.

A connection between the zoo and the Pokagon Band makes sense for several reasons, not the least of which is the zoo's name. Thanks to this new partnership, the zoo will be creating an educational space near its entrance to inform visitors about the history behind the Potawatomi Zoo's name. According to tribal and city records, several Potawatomi village sites sat just south and west of the current zoo, including Rum's Village and Chichipe Outipe. The Potawatomi Zoo was given its name due to the surrounding Potawatomi Park, which

was named to commemorate the first people who lived in the immediate South Bend area, and maintained village sites well into the early part of the nineteenth century.

Another strong link between the zoo and the Pokagon Band is their commitment to conservation. The partnership was established when the tribal council committed to become a major benefactor of the zoo's new exhibit of North American River Otters. With a \$75,000 sponsorship, spread out over three years, the Band is continuing to protect Mother Earth by providing refuge for four river otters. Too much development and pollution have lead to dwindling habitat for river otters, a native species to this area. The four otters in the exhibit were considered nuisance animals and might have been euthanized.

Not only will the Band's gift support the otter's food, but Band elders bestowed names on one male and one female otter, and plaques at the exhibit will tell visitors about the names and their meaning in the language.

The male otter's name is Kedegakwé (KEH-deh-gah-kwa), which means "shadow" in Nishnabe. Clarence White gave the otter that name because he remembers when he was a boy his family describing river otters with the term kedegakwé.

"The otters swam so quickly under water that they looked like shadows," he said.



According to traditional teachings, otter's youthful spirit helps remind us of the importance of play and light-heartedness.

Majel DeMarsh chose the name Gdewi (g-day WEE) for the female otter. In Nishnabe, Gdewi means water lily, or literally something that pops out of the water and is beautiful.

"You can spend hours at that exhibit, just watching them," said Majel. "When they float on the water, just like a water lily, they're beautiful to look at. We all need otter's good medicine: that playfulness, their youthful spirit. They help us remember the child in us, and help us connect with the children in our life."

In addition to the signs describing the otters' names, two signs will explain otter's significance to the Pokagon Band and other Native American cultures. And all the interpretive signs for the exhibit will display the Pokagon Band's seal and name.

The Band has been invited to take part in the Grand Opening of the otter exhibit in April. A hand drum and singers will offer songs for the otters. Be on the lookout for a letter to all citizen households with information about how to buy a membership to the Potawatomi Zoo and take advantage of the partnership benefits. This is just the beginning of an important relationship with a respected community organization in northern Indiana. Future collaboration could include internships for Pokagon youth interested in exploring zoology as a career, or mobile zoo appearances and use of zoo facilities for tribal community gatherings.

## Tribal Art Review Committee Seeking Artwork



A Tribal Art Review Committee has been formed to facilitate citizen input to the items presented at the Four Winds gift shop. If you are interested in getting your art work featured in Outfitters, bring a sample of your work to our quarterly review session at the Four Winds Hotel Conference room on Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. Work must be your own, and of a finished quality.

For more information and required forms, contact Matt Martin at [mmartin@fourwindscasino.com](mailto:mmartin@fourwindscasino.com).

## Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

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| <b>1</b>  | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>7</b>  | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>8</b>  | Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds                        |
| <b>12</b> | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>14</b> | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>15</b> | Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds                        |
| <b>21</b> | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>22</b> | Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds                        |
| <b>26</b> | Annual Membership Meeting, 10 a.m. Dowagiac Middle School |
| <b>28</b> | Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge                       |
| <b>29</b> | Gaming Authority Meeting, noon, Four Wind                 |
| <b>31</b> | Tribal Council Meeting, noon., Lodge                      |

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



## March Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



**Makenzie Negrin** is a 12-year-old in sixth grade at Garfield Elementary in Toledo, Ohio. Her parents are Jessica and Henry Negrin and she has one brother, Henry II. Makenzie's favorite food is pizza. She keeps busy by participating in cheerleading, basketball and playing the violin in the orchestra. She would like to be a chemist some day because, "I love to do experiments and would like to find cures for diseases." Makenzie has attended Pokagon summer camp where she enjoyed beading and making friendship bracelets. Makenzie is proud to be a Native American because, "they really care about their people and families. I love knowing where I come from and being part of a great history."



**Renee Gallagher** is a 12-year-old in sixth grade at Oak Manor Sixth Grade Center in Niles, Michigan. Pizza is her favorite food and she enjoys her cell phone, iPod Touch and playing softball. Renee would like to be a lawyer when she grows up. She has attended Pokagon summer camps and pow-wows as well as other events the tribe has sponsored. Renee is proud to be a Native American because, "I get to learn all the cool things about my heritage."



**Jackson Kiser** is a homeschooled 7-year-old from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. His parents are Rodney and Heidi Kiser. His grandparents are Michael and Rebecca Kiser, Steve and Joanne Spica, and Tim and Barb Pillow. Colleen Pillow is Jackson's great grandmother. Jackson has two sisters, Haleigh and Jane as well as one brother, Banyon. Jackson's favorite foods include pizza crust, spaghetti and chicken soup and his activities include skateboarding, swimming, rock climbing, riding bikes, basketball and baseball. When Jackson is not involved in his favorite activities, he attends art, dance, voice and clay classes at the Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts. Jackson hopes to become a police officer and a scientist when he grows up as he "loves animals, nature and how the world works." Jackson is proud to be a Native American because, "our ancestors loved nature and used nature to make their tools, especially bow and arrows."

## K-12 Program Welcomes a New Staff Member

The Department of Education's K-12 Program is pleased to welcome a new addition. Diana Smith brings strong educational background which is rounded out by her enthusiasm and many talents.

"I am the newest Education Associate in the Department of Education. I have a Master's degree in Special Education and spent five and a half years working at an alternative high school with at risk students. I have lived and worked in this area my entire life. I have three children (two boys, ages 27 and 20, and a 16-year-old daughter)

and one step-daughter (aged 25). I have four grandchildren (three boys ages 6, 3 and 2 ½, and a five-year-old granddaughter). My 20-year-old son is in the U.S. Army and my daughter is a senior this year with hopes of joining the military upon graduation.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the families and children and look forward to having my enthusiasm wear off on the students."

Diana Smith  
Education Associate



## Head Start Accepting Applications

We are accepting applications for the 2011–2012 school year. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID to be considered for enrollment by the application deadline of June 1, 2011. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at 269-783-0026 or 866-250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30. Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities. The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer. Anyone can be a volunteer for the program. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart & gallon size), hats & gloves

## Upcoming Events/Closures

March 31, 2011  
Family Fun Night

April 4–8, 2011  
Closed for Spring Break

April 25, 2011  
Closed in Observance  
of Easter Sunday

## Happy Birthday to You!

February Birthdays:

**Greysen Kelley**  
February 15, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday

**Chloe Parker**  
February 16, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday

March Birthdays:  
**Hannah Kiggins**  
March 7, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday

**Molly Wheeler**  
March 15, 2011  
Happy 5th Birthday

**Dominic White**  
March 17, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday


**Mr. Paul Miller**  
March 21, 2011  
Happy Birthday

**Ashlynn Killarney**  
March 22, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday

**Zachary Wiggins**  
March 24, 2011  
Happy 5th Birthday

**Michelle Hoekstra**  
March 29, 2011  
Happy 5th Birthday

**Theodore Hoekstra**  
March 29, 2011  
Happy 5th Birthday



**Pokagon Band**  
Department of Education  
Presents:

**Active Learning**  
For Pokagon & JOM students & their families.

**Saturday, March 19**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**At Hopkins High School**  
**333 Clark St., Hopkins, MI**

Department of Education aims to connect students and parents in reaching educational goals: good grades, graduation, college, careers, & success!

Space is limited so please call Connie (888) 330-1234 to reserve your spot.

**6:00–7:00 PM**  
This workshop is designed to give students and parents tools, tips, and insight to help with homework success.

**7:00–8:00 PM**  
This workshop will provide an opportunity for you to be actively involved with your child playing basketball or volleyball (so bring your gym shoes).

Parents **MUST** be present at this event the entire time.

The first 25 participants to call and pre-register will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card for MC Sports

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

*Womens' Drum Practice*

**Dates:**  
March 2, 2011  
March 16, 2011  
April 6, 2011  
April 20, 2011

**Time:**  
6:00-8:00 p.m.


**Location:**  
Tribal lodge  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

ALL LADIES AND GIRLS WELCOME!

Join us to welcome our guest presenter to learn hand drum teachings and songs.

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the mens' drum class.

If you have a hand drum or rattle please bring it to class, but it is not necessary to participate.



Everyone is invited!!

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nen.gov




If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Reading Month Madness Event**

Come join us for  
**Literacy Awareness Month**

**Saturday, March 5, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Department of Education, 58620 Sink Road**

You are invited to come and join us at the Department of Education for free books, games, reading activities, literacy information, food, door prizes, reading strategies and fun.





## Four Winds Leadership Courses Offered to Citizens

The Four Winds Casino Resort, in partnership with the Pokagon Band Tribal Government Human Resources Department, is pleased to announce that it is making leadership development courses available to all tribal citizens.

These are the same courses used by the casino in their development of internal leaders. Now they are making their successful tools available to all tribal citizens, no matter who your employer, or what your employment status is, and they are all free of charge. This is a great opportunity to prepare you to move into your next leadership role and help build those skills by working with a team with a positive track record.

The course offerings are:

- So You Want to Be a Supervisor and Obvious Choice which focus on the supervisory role and what it takes to do an effective job.
- Leadership 1–6 focus on your leadership potential and skills and helping you to develop into an effective leader.

The three classes of “So You Want to Be a Supervisor” and classes 5 and 6 of the Leadership series must be taken in order, but all other classes can be taken whenever offered.

If you are interested in any of these courses, please contact Chris Freehan, Training Specialist at the Tribal Government offices 269-462-4263 or at [chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

These courses have limited seating and are on a first come/first serve basis. Respond quickly to ensure your seat. Restrictions may apply.



Course Name / Description	Dates/Times Available
<b>OBVIOUS CHOICE</b>	
Participants will learn what will make them stand out from the crowd. This class will assist individuals with an understanding of what they need to do to make themselves the obvious choice for interviews, transfers, and promotions.	Thursday, April 14, 1–4pm
<b>SO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPERVISOR...</b>	
What every beginning or desiring-to-be supervisor should know about being great. This course is divided into three sessions: Meet the Challenge, Fitting the Four Fundamentals into your Style, and Dealing with Special Situations. Attendance of all three sessions is required for completion of the course	Friday, April 15, 9–11:30am – Class 1* Friday, April 22, 9–11:30am – Class 2* Friday, April 29, 9–11:30am – Class 3* *must be taken in date order and all 3 are necessary for completion
<b>LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication &amp; Cooperation”</b>	
This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.	Wednesday, March 30, 9:30–11:30am Wednesday, May 25, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 2 – “DiSC Profile”</b>	
Participants take the DiSC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.	Thursday, April 7, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”</b>	
Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.	Thursday, May 19, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching &amp; Listening”</b>	
Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A five step coaching model is presented.	Wednesday, April 27, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”</b>	
Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.	Thursday, May 5, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse &amp; Rider”</b>	
In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.	Friday, May 13, 9:30–11:30am (you must complete LEADERSHIP 5 before taking this class)

Gaming Authority, Staff Members Sign Beam at Four Winds North Site



On January 27 members of the Pokagon Elders Council, Gaming Authority and Four Winds staff braved the cold and, along with Pokagon Band construction workers, commemorated the Band's progress by signing an iron beam at the construction site. After signing their names, and in some cases the names of their family members and ancestors, the group gathered in front of the beam for a photograph. Construction continues as weather permits on the Hartford property.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Women's Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	3	4	5
6	7 Elder's Language Class	8	9	10 Mastermind Series (Rescheduled, Staff Only)	11 Saginaw Chippewa Native Comedy Show	12 4th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance
13	14 Elder's Language Class	15	16 Women's Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	17 Language Class with Lillian Rice	18 Seasonal Teachings with Lillian Rice	19 Seasonal Teachings with Lillian Rice; Spring Ceremonies; U of M Pow Wow
20 U of M Pow Wow	21 Elder's Language Class	22 Native Healing	23 Native Healing; Anishinaabemowin Teg Language	24 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference	25 Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference	26 Annual Membership Meeting; Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference
27 Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference	28 Elder's Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	29	30	31 Language Class with Jim Thunder & Kim Wensaut	1 Language Class with Jim Thunder & Kim Wensaut	

Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference - Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
Annual Membership Meeting - Dowagiac Middle School, 10-2:30  
Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Elder's Language Class - Elder's Hall, 11am – 12pm  
Language Class with Lillian Rice - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm  
Language Class with Jim Thunder & Kim Wensaut- TBA  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine – Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Saginaw Chippewa Native Comedy Show - Mt. Pleasant, MI, TBA  
Saginaw Chippewa 4th Annual Round Dance - Mt. Pleasant, MI, Tribal Gym, 5pm-3am  
Seasonal Teachings with Lillian Rice - Tribal Lodge, Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 1-4pm  
Spring Ceremonies - Sunrise Ceremonies, Admin. Rotunda, 7-9am and Evening Ceremonies, Longhouse, 6-10pm  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Women's Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm  
University of Michigan Pow Wow - Saline Middle School, Saline, MI, Saturday 12-10pm, Sunday 12-6pm



**Elders Council February Minutes****February 3, 2011****MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:03 am.**INVOCATION:** Clarence White**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey ) Boehm.**AGENDA:** Danille and Lorena from Social Security were here and explained early benefits at age 62, at 65 you can enroll in Medicare, part A and B. At the age of 66 you are entitled to full benefits. She also explained survivor's benefits. Any questions, feel free to call your Social Security office. Susan Gunderson the nutritionist from Health Services talked about heart healthy month, eating heart healthy foods. February 15 will be the start of a weight loss program. It will be 6 weeks long. Contact Susan at Health Services for further information. Petey explained that the door mats can be purchased, 2X3 mats sell for \$80.00, 4X6 sell for \$140.00. Contact Petey for more information. Petey also informed us that Lee Salvidar has been certified to drive a GHS vehicle. There are brochures out that explain the wellness gathering.**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** The cook be will be until off until February 23. We wish her a speedy recovery. The MIEA procedures were revised and passed. Elders Council will be working on a trip procedure. A lot of problems have been cropping up.**MINUTES:** The January minutes were read, Clarence moved to accept

the minutes, Ken supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the Treasurers report with corrections, Ken supported, (5) yes, approved.**NEW BUSINESS:** We had asked Tribal Council if we could move into the new Community Building that is being built. Jim said that Council would like us to wait as they will be building us a new building in the future.**OLD BUSINESS:** Jeanne thanked Audrey for all the work she has done handling jacket orders. She also thanked Petey for filling in for the cook. Petey has done this while trying to do her job. We all thank you, Petey.**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Active Living will resume March 2011.

Basket making will be held February 16, 2011, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Valentines social, bring a red food dish.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Audrey Huston, Midge Hollemon, Mary Vogt,

John Carney Sr.

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:** None.**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Ruth supported, (5) yes, Adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Legal Notice

**If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing From the USDA,****You Could Receive Benefits From a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.**

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

**Am I included?**

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

**What does the Settlement provide?**

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

**What can I get from the Settlement?**

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

**Track A** – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

**Track B** – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

**USDA Loan Forgiveness** – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

**How do I get benefits?**

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

**What are my other rights?**

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

**For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**

The draft Pokagon Band Hazard Mitigation Plan will be available at the Administration building and on the Pokagon Band website for tribal citizens to review. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Auvil, Tribal Planner, at 269-782-9602 .

**Anishnaabemowin Teg Language Conference**

The Department of Language and Culture will be attending the 17th Annual Anishnaabemowin Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on March 23-27. Scholarships are available for Pokagon citizens and families that are interested in attending. Please contact Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture, for registration information (269) 462-4296 or [Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) .

**Conference Information:**

Anishinaabemowin Teg Inc. is a non-profit charitable corporation dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Anishinaabemowin (language) of the Anishinaabe (People) of the Great Lakes region. Some conference highlights include: Anishnaabemowin art and drama, Anishnaabemowin resource development, Anishnaabemowin stories and music, scholarship awards and banquet, preservation initiatives, children's activities, youth workshops and evening socials, education and health workshops, men's and women's evening circles, feast and social, craft workshops, and country and western music. For more conference information, please visit the Anishnaabemowin Teg website at <http://www.anishinaabemowin-teg.org/home.html> .

Department of Education Announcements and Events

High School Juniors and Seniors:

You are doing the school work to get yourself into college. We want to help you on the entrance journey with your FASFA, college applications, ACT/SAT tests, and dual enrollment opportunities. Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, and Traci Henslee, Employment and Training Specialist, in your Department of Education are looking forward to working with you. K–12 staff is here for you, too. High School Success reimbursements assist with some of the costs. Give us a call at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Middle and High School Students:

Do you need help writing a school paper? Do you need a proofreader for your end of the year school term paper? If so, the Department of Education has the solution. During spring break April 4–8, every day from 1pm–4 pm, we are offering help writing assistance. We will be happy to edit, proofread, and offer suggestions on how to improve your paper. No appointment is needed; simply drop by our offices at 58620 Sink Rd during that time, and someone will be available to help. We will offer refreshments, flash drives, and graphic organizers to make the process easier. See you then!

Summer Opportunities

Applications are now available for the following summer programs, and are due on April 15. For more details, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or at [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

POKAGON SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUTH ENTERING K–6 GRADES IN FALL 2011

July 11–August 4

Monday through Thursday, at Pokagon Band Head Start Building

The Pokagon Summer School is an opportunity for students to keep their minds sharpened during the summer and to prepare them for success in the upcoming school year. Morning classes are taught by certified teachers and focus on reading, math and science. Afternoon workshops focus on cultural programs, including the Potawatomi language. Limited transportation is available to and from areas local to Dowagiac.

POKAGON SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 14–18 ENTERING JUNIOR OR HIGH SCHOOL IN FALL 2011

July 11–August 4

Monday through Thursday, at Pokagon Band Departments

Pokagon youth are given the opportunity to work in tribal departments for a four week period. The youth will gain valuable employment skills and will learn more about how the tribe really operates.

POKAGON SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR YOUTH ENTERING 7–12 GRADES IN FALL 2011

June–August 2011

The Tribal Council will fund summer programs (up to \$500) for a limited number of Pokagon youth. The types of programs to be funding include life skills programs, enrichment camps, workshops, pre-college summer classes, and conferences. Interested tribal youth are encouraged to ask school counselors and club leaders about possible opportunities. Also, youth can contact the Pokagon Department of Education for some suggestions.

More Summer Activities

PRE-COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, July 6 – Saturday, July 9, Rodgers Lake.

This is for College Freshmen entering in fall, 2011.

SENIOR GRADUATES BANQUET

Friday, July 8, 6:45 – 9:30 pm at Southwest Michigan College.

All are invited as we honor 2011 grads and GED recipients. Graduates, contact us for your form.

SKONO GIZHGUK: BACK TO SCHOOL

Sunday, August 7, Rodgers Lake.

Activities include backpacks and school supplies, registration for the 2011–2012 school year, lively workshops, lunch, and awards to highlight the achievements of our K–12 students during the 2010–2011 school year. Tee shirts go to students who bring a copy of their last grades for 2010–2011.

SUMMER TUTORING

The K–12 Staff Education Associates are available for tutoring children during the summer. This is a great opportunity for students to stay in touch with their class work on a more relaxed basis.

Employment Training Labs

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs. Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group, open environment, and work at your own pace setting. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals.

The Employment Training Labs will provide assistance for those interested in work employability skills, such as:

- learning more about planning to work
- taking Career Assessments
- creating and updating resumes and cover letters
- job searching
- learning more about the Pokagon Band ABE-GED program
- taking the GED Pre-test Assessments

It's always a good idea to call ahead to let us know you're coming, or to confirm a closure in case of inclement weather. Therefore, it is highly

recommended that you call at least 24 hours before the lab you are planning on attending to let us know, so we may pre-enroll you into the program, collect your contact information, and learn more about your specific needs so that we may better serve you.

MARCH

Labs are being offered on:

- Lab 7 – Wednesday, March 2, from 8–4:30 \*
- Lab 8 – Saturday, March 12, from 10–2 (instead of 9:45–2:15)



## Put Your Focus on Nutrition during March

By Susan Gundersen, Nutritionist

The theme for 2011 National Nutrition Month is “Eat Right With Color.” Adding a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables to your plate provides many different vitamins, phytonutrients, minerals and lots of eye appeal and flavor. The following 11 tips can help you add color to your meals:

- Toss mandarin orange segments, grape halves, berries or other fruit in garden salads.
- Add spinach, sliced tomatoes, cucumber or avocado to sandwiches.
- Blend pureed vegetables into tomato sauce.
- Choose veggie toppings for pizza. Try broccoli, spinach, bell pepper, or mushrooms.
- Top cereal or plain low-fat yogurt with blueberries, strawberries, or sliced mango.
- Use kidney beans or black beans and corn in chilli, green lentils in soups and white beans in stews.
- Mix dried cranberries and chopped nuts in hot cereal.
- Make roasted vegetables with sweet potatoes, parsnips, onions, rutabaga, and beets.
- Serve baked fish with fruit salsa.
- Grill vegetable kabobs with zucchini, red bell peppers, mushrooms, carrots and Brussels sprouts.
- Top waffles or pancakes with sliced strawberries, applesauce, or peaches.

It helps to think about nutrient-rich rather than good or bad foods. Make the majority of your food choices packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients instead of high calories or fats. Choosing smaller portions with smart food choices that can help you stay healthy, manage your weight, and improve your energy level for physical activity.

And though March is National Nutrition Month, remember that eating right and staying fit aren't limited to just the month of March. Please visit [www.EatRight.org](http://www.EatRight.org) to learn more at the American Dietetic Association's website. Or call Susan Gundersen, RD, CD, Public Health Nutritionist at the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services at 888-440-1234 or 269-782-4141 if you would like more information about adding color to your meals.

Legal Notice

### Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

**For current or former IIM account holders,  
Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs**

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

#### Can I get money?

There are two groups or “Classes” in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

#### Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account (“IIM”) anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

#### Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

#### What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

#### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

#### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

**For more Information:**

**1-800-961-6109**

**[www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com)**

### March & April

**Dates:**

Tuesdays - Friday

March 22 - 24, 2011 (Jake)

April 19 - 21, 2011 (Jake)

April 20 - 22, 2011 (Barb)

**Individual Appt. Times:**

Jake, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Barb, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Teaching Cabin  
Roger's Lake Campground  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Visiting with Counselors  
& Healers:**

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

#### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

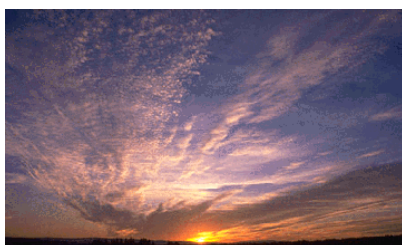
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## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, and Barb Peltier, traditional counselor, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment(s) (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. and Barb will run a women's sweat lodge in April on Friday night also at 6:00 p.m.



Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*  
Office: (269) 462-4261 • E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

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Office: 269-462-4261

## Men & Boys Drumming Class

Calling all men and boys interested in learning how to drum! John T.

Warren will be sharing drum teachings, pow wow singing, and drumming techniques. Please join us for an evening of drumming, singings, food, and friends. Please bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the ladies' hand drumming class.



**Dates:**  
Wednesday, March 2, 2011  
Wednesday, March 16, 2011  
Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
Wednesday, April 20, 2011

**Time:**  
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Teaching Cabin  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.



### Spring Ceremonies and Seasonal Teachings



**Dates: Friday &  
Saturday, December  
18 & 19, 2011**

#### Sunrise Ceremony

Location: Admin.  
Rotunda  
Time: 7:00-9:00 a.m.

#### Seasonal Teachings

Location: Tribal Lodge  
Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

#### Evening Ceremony

Location: Tribal Lodge  
Time: 6:00-10:00 p.m.

**Please bring a dish to  
pass for the feast  
following evening  
ceremony.**

### Department of Language and Culture & Traditions and Repatriation Committee

Spring is the season symbolic of rebirth, renewal, and rejuvenation. Winter's blanket of snow is melting and awakening Mother Earth. It is also the time when plants are given new life. Please bring your family and join us this spring with ceremonies and seasonal teachings. Sharing Friday and Saturday's seasonal teachings will be Forest County Potawatomi elder, Lillian Rice.



**Sunrise and Evening Ceremonies, Contact Information:**  
*Traditions & Repatriation Committee*  
Kevin Daugherty  
Cell.: (269) 591-1230

**Seasonal Teachings, Contact Information:**  
*Department of Language and Culture*  
Andy Jackson  
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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



Happy Birthday



Happy 3rd Birthday  
**Sydney Ann Olson**  
Love you always,  
Mom, Dad, and Chelsy



Happy Birthday March 1 to a cute niece,  
**Cindy Maddox!**  
Love ya, Aunt Mart

We want to welcome to our Tribal Police  
department family:  
**Hudson Lee Pangle,**  
born at 12:10 pm on 2-10-11, 9 lbs. 9 oz.  
**Grant Michael Callahan,**  
born at 6:13 am on 2-10-11, 7 lbs. 3 oz., 20" long



Happy 2nd Birthday to my gigabe **Devin Weston!**  
When you came into the world, I became your  
mommy, and ever since that first day two years ago,  
it has been the best two years of my life.  
Mommy loves you always and forever Mizhiki!



Happy 9th Birthday  
**Alexis Harmon**  
February 28th  
With All Our Love,  
Mom, Dad, Cheyenne and Cody

Happy 5th Birthday  
Kadyn Wesaw  
You are a strong and beautiful 'lil Potawatomi girl.  
Your family is so proud of you, and we all love you  
Mdwe'shwen!!

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## Pokagon Band World War II Veteran Shares Experiences as a Prisoner of War in Germany

By Jennifer Dougherty

The majority of tribal citizens learn about World War II in history classes. Others may hear first hand accounts of the war experience from family members. And a select few tribal citizens are WWII veterans themselves. Richard Rider is one of those veterans, but his story has a different twist. Not only did Rider serve overseas, but he also endured 14 months as a prisoner of war in Germany.

On March 16, 1943, just few months after his eighteenth birthday, Rider was drafted into the military. He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and was sent to Camp Butler in North Carolina where he received infantry training. In November 1943, Rider found himself heading off to the warfront. He boarded a ship in Newport News, Virginia and landed in Oran, North Africa seven days later. Though he had traveled thousands of miles from his home already, his long journey was just beginning.

Rider's unit traveled by boxcar to Bizerte, Tunisia. They were promptly sent by landing ship tank to Salerno, Italy where Rider was assigned to the 157th Regiment, 45th Division. His outfit was assigned to take the beachhead



Richard Rider

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## Veterans Preparing for Memorial Day

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and the Ogitchedaw veterans group has a full schedule of activities for veterans, their families and the community.

**Veterans Sweat Lodge**

**3rd Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Eagle Staff Ceremony**

**Dowagiac Memorial Day Parade**

**6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21**

**Friday, May 27**

**7:00 a.m., Saturday, May 28**

**Monday, May 30**

### Sweat Lodge

All Veterans are welcome as Clarence Syrette conducts a sweat lodge Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. A feast for the Eagle Staff will follow.

### 3rd Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Local veteran groups will be honored and all veterans are encouraged to participate. The public is invited. Entry deadline is May 16. See flyer for more information.

### Veterans Eagle Feather Ceremony

The Veteran Committee would like to invite the community to recognize their families' veterans, living or deceased, on Saturday morning, May 28. The committee encourages families to recognize their veteran family members, native or non-native, by bringing a family eagle feather to be honored and placed on the veterans Eagle Staff. Please remember that the eagle feather must be ready to hang in traditional fashion. For a family

to commemorate a veteran the following information is needed:

Name:

Rank:

Branch of service:

Date of service:

Campaigns:

Medals:

POW, MIA, KIA, WIA, and date:

The morning will begin with a pipe ceremony at 7 a.m. at the sacred fire pit on the Rodgers Lake campus. All family members are invited. If you cannot attend, please give your feather and veteran's information to veteran who is attending. Breakfast will be served after the ceremony.

To R.S.V.P. or ask questions, please contact Roger Williams, Veterans Committee secretary, at 616-245-4316, by e-mail at kchinodin@hotmail.com or by mail at the administration building address below.

### Veterans Gravesite Flags

If you would like an American flag placed at your veteran's resting

place, they will be available starting May 2 at the Administration Building. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez, senior administrative assistant, at 269-462-4200, or at the administration building address below.

### Joining the Ogitchedaw Society

Registration forms are available for the Ogitchedaw Society (Veterans Committee). Upon completion and return of registration forms and proper documentation, you will receive a branch of service hat and Ogitchedaw shirt. To obtain a registration form, please contact Ervin (Butch) Starrett, Veterans Committee chairman, at the administration building address below. The Code Development is available for review by any tribal veteran; please contact Ervin (Butch) Starrett at:

Pokagon Band  
of Potawatomi Indians  
Administration Building  
Attn. Ervin (Butch) Starrett  
P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047



Pokagon Band World War II Veteran Shares Experiences, continued

at Anzio. Unfortunately, his group was surrounded and captured by German forces on Feb. 22, 1944.

The Germans held his group in a small camp in Italy, but later moved them farther north. They were loaded on 40 x 8 foot boxcars, on hundred men per car, and were sent to Stalag VIIB in Memmingen, Germany. Because of Rider’s private first class rank, he was assigned to work detail. They repaired railroads and buried the bodies of dead Germans who had been deceased for days.

“Anyone who ranked below a staff sergeant had to work. We worked long days, and had very little food,” recalls Rider. The prisoners survived on a small cup of broth and slice of bread per day.

“The bread was mostly sawdust,” said Rider. “I lost 43 pounds during my time in captivity.” Prisoners had no access to showers and developed body lice. Despite the horrific conditions they were exposed to each day, every member of his unit survived incarceration. After a grueling 14 months, the men were liberated on April 14, 1944.

Prior to his capture, Rider sustained injuries that damaged his hearing and one of his eyes. “I was standing guard at the entrance to a cave, and a bomb hit overhead,” said Rider. “A commissioned officer happened to be there, and he took all of my information.” Because his injuries were documented, he received awards after the war. Rider was awarded a Purple Heart, European Campaign 2 Battle Stars, a Bronze Star, a World War II Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and the Prisoner of War Medal, and an American Campaign Medal.

“It is very common for POWs to not remember anything from their experience,” explained Rider. “I spent 14 months with thirty men, and I couldn’t tell you one of their names.” Rider belongs to an ex-POW group through the VA Hospital. Members have access to counselors who can assist them with applying for compensation and disability. “The VA has been very helpful, and there is a beautiful new hospital being built,” said Rider.

After returning from war, Rider worked for General Motors in Flint, Michigan until he retired in 1974. He and his wife of 52 years, Katheryn, have three sons, and Rider has one daughter from a previous marriage. He has two granddaughters and twin great-grandchildren. Rider and all of his descendants are enrolled citizens of the Band, however he did not find out that he was Native American until later in his life.

“My father never told me I was Native American. I didn’t find out until he passed away,” said Rider. He has memories of his grandmother—who was full-blooded Native American—having very dark skin.

“She was a beautiful woman. I remember her always wearing a hat and covering her arms whenever she worked in her garden so that her skin wouldn’t get any darker.” Rider suspects that his father didn’t reveal his heritage because Native Americans were treated like second-class citizens at the time. Rider’s connection to the tribe dates back to John Mix, who was assigned the enrollment number one.

He now lives in Leesburg, Florida, near Orlando, where he is enjoying his retirement and getting some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Third Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting the Pokagon Potawatomi Veterans Society | Military Emergency Relief Fund

Friday, May 27

Hampshire Country Club

29592 Pokagon Hwy.

Dowagiac, MI

4-Person Scramble Schedule

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Prizes

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

Special Veteran Team Prizes

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Special Guest Sponsors

Chairman Matt Wesaw,

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

SSG Matthew Martin, USMC

Entry: \$60 per person

includes green fees, 18 holes of golf, shirt, soft drinks, lunch, dinner,

team picture CD, goody bag, prizes

Red, White and Blue Sponsorship: \$500

includes one hole sign, entry fee for four players, special sponsor prizes,

special recognition, and sponsors’ pre-event reception at Four Winds

Buffet, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Local veteran groups will be honored. All veterans are encouraged to participate. Public is invited.

For more information, or for a registration form, please contact Ervin “Butch” Starrett at 269-591-2901 or email at butch.starrett@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

# Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

**Honoring the New Eagle Staff**  
Presented by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**Memorial Day Weekend**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**May 28 & 29**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan

**Saturday, 7:00 a.m.**  
Ceremony and feast for  
Pokagon Band veterans  
honoring the new  
Eagle Staff

**Grand Entries**  
Saturday  
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.

Pow Wow vendor information:  
Julie Farver, 269-462-4200

Volunteers please call:  
Susan Laursen, 269-591-4456  
Alycia Atkinson, 231-578-4373  
or anishmama2@aol.com

For other Pow Wow information  
Contact Kevin Daugherty,  
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200



**Head Veteran:** George Martin

**Head Female Dancer:** Rachael Topash-Tone

**Head Male Dancer:** Tom Topash

**Junior Dancers:** Onyleen Zapata & Gabriel Tone

**Invited Drums:** Ribbon Town,

Sons of Three Fires, Southern Straight  
and Painted Rock

**Co-MCs:** Jason Wesaw and Roger Rader

**Arena Director:** Carl Wesaw

**Fire Keeper:** John Winchester and  
the Firekeepers Society

*This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.*



## Pokagon Band Citizen to Lead Tribal Government Staff

Jason Michael Wesaw joined the Pokagon Band team last month, taking on the newly-created position of government manager. A native of Otsego, Michigan, Wesaw recently retired from the U.S. Army after serving 22 years—13 years in the Army and nine years with the Michigan Army National Guard.

Wesaw joined the Army after graduating from high school, looking for both higher education funding and experiences around the world. Drawn to serving in an elite unit, he became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the Gulf War and as an Army Ranger instructor.

“Your body can only handle colliding with the earth so many times,” Wesaw says of his transition from paratrooper to recruiting manager. In 2003 he began his service in the Michigan Army National Guard, eventually managing the recruitment and retention of incoming soldiers from an area spanning Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and the western part of the state. He also earned a bachelor’s degree in management.

But as he traveled the world and continued his career in the Army, Wesaw says he always watched his tribal government from afar, hoping to one day assume a leadership role and serve the community. When he saw the government manager position, it seemed the time was right.



Jason Wesaw near an heirloom image of his great-grandfather James Wesaw, which hangs in his office in the administration building.

“My vision is to establish this government as the premier tribal government in the state and region,” he says. “I’m excited to work with the leadership team toward excellence. I believe we are poised for success.”

“I think Jason has great potential to lead our directors to the level we all desire,” said Chairman Matt Wesaw. “His career has been molding leaders, and we expect no less from him in this role. I think all will notice changes in our operations now that we have filled this role again.”

Jason M. Wesaw and his wife Necole have an 11-year-old daughter, Kassidy, and a three-month-old son, Gaige. In his spare time he enjoys coaching Kassidy’s travel fast-pitch softball team.



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## Tribal Citizen-owned Business Spotlight: RGB Designs Create Contemporary Jewelry

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

Esiquio “Russ” Garza has always felt a spiritual connection to the world around him. He holds nature and wildlife in high esteem, and now he has found a way to pair his love for the world around him with his artistic gift for jewelry making. With help from his wife, Barb, they own and operate RGB Designs, a small business specializing in the design and sale of jewelry.

Three years ago, the Garzas began taking classes on the art of jewelry making. They purchased DVDs that taught them the basics of design, texture and color schemes. It wasn’t long before their small business was up and running.

“Our jewelry emphasizes the Turtle Stone, also known as the Petoskey Stone, combined with other semiprecious stones,” said Barb Garza. “The turtle is very sacred to the Native people.”

The Garzas sell their jewelry online and at various art shows. This year, they will be selling their items at the Ship & Shore Festival in New Buffalo, Michigan, at Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, and at Artbeat in South Bend, Indiana. Many of their high-end pieces are for sale in the gift shop at the Four Winds Casino Resort.

“The casino has been a real asset,” said Barb. “People have been coming in and asking about new pieces.”

The Garzas also sell copper rings and necklaces. Russ’s nephew, Mikey, helps make these items and they are their biggest seller. “We sell them as fast as we can make them!” said Barb. “Copper is a sacred metal, and we like to use that in our pieces.”

“Most of our pieces have a theme,” explains Barb. “Esiquio recalls walking with his grandfather as a child, and he draws from those memories when designing jewelry.” Pieces may represent wind, water, or even a cluster of leaves.

The business has provided great opportunities for the Garzas to spend quality time together. They have a studio in their basement, and they often lay their beads right out on the table and go to work with their designs. They also spend a significant amount of time researching trends and pricing in the jewelry business.



The artists of RGB Designs draw their inspiration for their work from nature.

They are dedicated to offering their buyers the best prices possible. If they find

their supplies at discounted prices, they pass that savings on to their customers.

Like his mother before him, Russ has found his inner artist later in life. “I have always been timid about developing the artist in me, but when something just feels right, you just can’t deny it,” said Russ. Jewelry-making provides him with a creative outlet and is also a source of self-expression.

The Garzas recently caught the attention of Susan Street, a New York jewelry designer who will soon interview them for a feature article. It is unusual to find a husband and wife team in the jewelry business, and she is eager to share their story. The Garzas are currently featured on Magpie Gemstones website, [www.magpiegemstones.com](http://www.magpiegemstones.com), under the “client” link.

The Garzas work hard to grow their business with the long-term goal of mentoring family and other tribal citizens on jewelry making. The business would eventually be passed on to them.

With warmer weather on the horizon, the Garzas are getting ready for business to pick up. Their jewelry can be viewed online at [www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com](http://www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com), and they also have a showroom in the front of their home in the Elders Village at 57598 Kekyllak Odanek, Dowagiac. Pokagon citizens receive ten percent off of their purchases while supporting this tribal citizen-owned business.

- RGB Designs
- Jewelry
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## Learn Some Salt Shaker Savvy

**By Susan Gundersen, RD, CD, Public Health Nutritionist**

Many of you may have heard the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of their 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and are wondering what the hoopla is about. During the next few months I will share highlights of those changes.

Many such chronic diseases as diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, and stroke center on blood pressure. Luckily, many food manufacturers have made a decision to lower the sodium content of foods, and restaurants are listening to patrons and the medical world and reducing sodium in the foods prepared in their kitchens.

No one is expecting that we stop using salt entirely. Salt is made of sodium and chloride which are very important nutrients and, with potassium; they are the main regulators of the body's water-balance system. In the United States, the average person consumes one tablespoon of salt a day. This is about twenty times the amount of sodium we really need. For people under the age of 50 who do not have high blood pressure, the guidelines are 2200 milligrams a day. For a person over 50, or someone with heart disease and/or high blood pressure, the new recommendation is to eat no more than 1500 milligrams a day.

What can you do to lower your family's daily salt intake? Here are some ways to keep salt intake under control:

- Cook without salt. Taste the food before adding it.
- Use a coarser type of salt like sea salt or kosher salt, as you will sprinkle less on your food automatically.
- Retrain your taste buds. This takes about three weeks.
- Use herbs and seasonings in place of salt.
- Read the food labels on the foods that you buy at the store and, whenever possible, choose low-salt, reduced-salt, or no-salt-added versions of a product. Tomato products and soy sauce are loaded with sodium, and many lower sodium products are available.
- Eat more potassium-rich foods, such as oranges, mangos, cantaloupe and you will excrete more sodium in your urine. However, do not take potassium supplements unless your doctor prescribes them, because too much potassium can cause an irregular heart beat.

Here is an easy-to-make seasoning that can replace salt in your shaker:

### **Sodium-Free Herb Seasoning**

2 tablespoons crushed dried basil  
1 tablespoon dried dill weed  
1 tablespoon crushed dried mint  
1 tablespoon crushed dried tarragon  
1 tablespoon crushed dried thyme  
Combine all ingredients. Store in a spice jar away from heat and light and use within one month.

Please call Susan Gundersen, health services dietitian, at 888-440-1234 or at 269-782-4141, if you would like more information on lowering salt in your diet.

### **Coming in May**

Family Fun Walk

Walk the Path: Saint Lawrence Seaway River, our final destination on the Great Lakes walk east.

Judy Augusta recently presented Lynn Davidson with a quilt made in the womens quilting class honoring his military service.



## Get Real. Get Tested.

### April is STD Education and Awareness Month

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs—sexually transmitted diseases—each year in the United States, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. In 2008, there were more than 1.5 million total cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea reported to CDC—making them the two most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States. Untreated STDs can lead to serious long-term health consequences, especially for adolescent girls and young women. CDC estimates that undiagnosed and untreated STDs cause at least 24,000 women in the United States each year to become infertile. Vaccines offer protection against two common sexually transmitted infections: hepatitis B and human papillomavirus (HPV).

These vaccines can prevent health problems, such as liver disease and cervical cancer.

To reduce the impact of STDs, it is important to increase knowledge about sexually transmitted infections and make STD testing a part of routine medical care. Because many STDs have no symptoms, those at risk need to get tested and find out if they are infected. Chlamydia is one of the most common STDs, especially among young women. CDC recommends that all sexually active women younger than 26 years of age get tested for chlamydia once a year. Women who are older than 26 years of age should be tested if they have a new or multiple sex partners.

Getting tested and treated for chlamydia can reduce new cases of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) by as much as 60 percent. Women

with PID can experience pregnancy complications, infertility, chronic pain, and irreversible damage to their reproductive organs. Reducing the impact of PID among women also requires men to be tested and treated for chlamydia to reduce new cases. Recent studies have shown that many young women who have been diagnosed with chlamydia may become re-infected by male partners who have not been diagnosed or treated. The CDC's sexually transmitted diseases treatment guidelines recommends that sex partners of infected patients be treated to prevent re-infection of the patient and transmission of the infection to others, and those with chlamydia be re-tested for the infection approximately three months after treatment.

Being sexually active with more than one partner puts you

at increased risk for developing STDs. Parents should talk to their children about abstinence or using protection. People of all ages should be aware that even though there are no physical indications of a partner or themselves having an STD, they can still be infected. You cannot see an STD, and some STDs have no signs or symptoms associated with them. Asking a partner about their STD status will not provide you with accurate information, as they may not know they are infected. Being open with your partner about current and past sexual partners will give a better understanding of their possibility of being infected.

If you have had several sexual partners, have any questions, concerns, or would like to be tested for STDs, please contact the health clinic or behavioral health offices at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.



## April Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates

**Marcus Puehler** is a 14-year-old eighth grader at Whitehall Middle School in Whitehall, Michigan. Marcus' parents are Brian Puehler Sr. and Dorothy Updyke. He has one brother, Brian Puehler Jr. Marcus likes to play football at school with his friends and wrestle with his brother Brian. He would someday like to be the star running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Marcus is proud to be Native American because, "our ancestors were the first people in the United States of America and they traveled all around the country."



**Alissa LeBlanc** is a 12-year-old seventh grader at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School in Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan. Alissa's mother is Jennifer LeBlanc. She has two brothers, Isaiah and Josiah. Alissa has participated in drum dance socials at school as well as local pow wows and tribal family craft days. Alissa keeps busy with volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, skating, skiing and playing the cello. She also enjoys hamsters and watching movies as well as macaroni and cheese. She plans on becoming a doctor or veterinarian when she grows up. Alissa is proud to be Native American because, "it gives you a sense of support, community, and family: someone to go to."



**Aubrey Cooper** is a 9-year-old fourth grade student at Lincoln Park Elementary School in Muskegon, Michigan. Her parents are Luanne and Bryan Cooper. Aubrey has four sisters, Kristin, Miranda, Ashley, and Madison. Aubrey loves tacos and her Wii. She loves to draw, play Narnia for DS, Guitar Hero, as well as basketball and soccer. She wants to be a designer and own her own store someday. Aubrey has been involved in making dream catchers and going to the pow wows with her grandmother to dance. She is proud to be a Native American because she loves to dance in the pow wows.



**Darrin Goodrich** is a 16-year-old junior at Buchanan High School in Buchanan, Michigan. His parents are Pat and Bobbie Goodrich and his grandmother is Patricia Topash. Darrin has two siblings, Blaine and Hunter. Darrin loves pizza and playing Black Ops as well as football, basketball and baseball. Darrin is proud to be a Native American because, "I get to experience so many things that other kids my age don't. I love our culture and how interesting it is."



**Inteus Dixon** is a 9-year-old fourth grader at Woodside Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. His mother is Melody Dixon and his grandparents are Terry and Adeline Dixon. Inteus' siblings are Azhani, Ignacia, Analisa, Alyssa & Gloria. He enjoys playing soccer, baseball, basketball and PlayStation, as well as the Wii. Inteus also enjoys Sorry, Uno, Monopoly, wrestling toys and skateboarding. When not involved in these activities, Inteus loves to eat pepperoni pizza, tacos, burritos, and tamales. He would like to be a professional soccer player when he grows up. In the meantime, he would like to learn how to sing and drum. Inteus has attended pow wows, drum making and copper bowl making classes. Inteus is proud to be a Native American because, "If it weren't for my ancestors, my family and I wouldn't be here today. Our people would be extinct."

## Michigan Indian Elders Association Offers Incentives for Straight-A Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) is offering a student incentive program to recognize students who achieve all A's and perfect attendance in a marking period. A minimum of \$3,000 is available to fund this program this year. Twenty-five dollars will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. Home schooling is not eligible.
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight A award. (A-, A, A+)

- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight As will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school-sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2010/2011 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight As for both marking periods. For example, straight A's and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

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Incentives for Straight-A Students, *continued*

- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
  - A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent, or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight A's and perfect attendance.
- The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2011 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
- You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator, and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011:
- Sheligh Jackson, Coordinator  
c/o Michigan Indian Elders Association  
7070 E Broadway  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Michigan Indian Elders Association  
2010/2011 Student Incentive Program  
Application Form

Student's Name:			Age:	Grade:
Address:		City:		
State:	Zip:	Phone:	Email:	
School Name:		School Address:		
School Phone and Fax:		Principal's Name:		
Student's Social Security Number(voluntary):		All A's Number of marking periods	Perfect Attendance number of marking periods	

Please attach the following documents to this completed application in order for your student to qualify and be considered:

- A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 4 through 12 to qualify for all A's and K through 12 for perfect attendance)
- A copy of the student's tribal membership card; (If the student doesn't have a card please include a copy of a parent's tribal card)
- NOT REQUIRED, however, if a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Michigan Indian Elders Association program coordinator may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail the preceding information to: Sheligh Jackson, in-care of: Michigan Indian Elders Association, 7070 E Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

All information must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011** to be eligible for the program.



## Department of Education Announcements and Events

### Employment Training Labs

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs. Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group, open environment, and work at your own pace setting. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals.

The Employment Training Labs will provide assistance for those interested in work employability skills, such as:

- learning more about planning to work
- taking Career Assessments
- creating and updating resumes and cover letters
- job searching
- learning more about the Pokagon Band ABE-GED program
- taking the GED Pre-test Assessments

It's always a good idea to call ahead to let us know you're coming, or to confirm a closure in case of inclement weather. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you call at least 24 hours before the lab you are planning on attending to let us know, so we may pre-enroll you into the program, collect your

contact information, and learn more about your specific needs so that we may better serve you.

#### APRIL

Labs are being offered on:

- Lab 10 — Wednesday, April 6, from 8–4:30\*
- Lab 11 — Saturday, April 9, from 10–2 (instead of 9:45–2:15)
- Lab 12 — Tuesday, April 19, from 8–4:30\*

#### MAY

- Lab 13 — Wednesday, May 4, from 8–4:30\*
- Lab 14 — Saturday, May 14, from 10–2
- Lab 15 — Tuesday, May 17, from 8–4:30\*

You must call ahead to schedule Saturday and late night sessions.

\* Late night sessions may be offered as an extension of the planned Wednesday and Tuesday labs until tentatively 6 p.m. upon request. Please note that Saturday's times have changed from 9:45–2:15 to 10–2.

If you are interested in learning more about this lab or wish to sign up, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

### Career and Education Day at the Pokagon Band

The Department of Education will be hosting a Career and Education Day for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, their parents, and all adults attending college or interested in exploring career opportunities.

#### Friday, April 29

Pokagon Band Tribal Lodge, Rodgers Lake

Keynote speaker: Chairman Matthew Wesaw

- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** visit with college representatives from universities and community colleges
- **12:00- 1:00 p.m.** lunch

#### Afternoon workshops:

- Kevin Leonard and Allard Teeple of Michigan State University on a multicultural business summer program for high school citizens
- Success stories from and information about the dual enrollment program and the higher education scholarship

There will be drawings for prizes for all students and parents who pre-register for this great event. If you have any questions please contact Higher Education Specialist Joseph Avance at 269-782-0887.

### Pokagon Band Summer School

Summer School registration is open for Pokagon children and children registered in the K-12 Program who are entering kindergarten through 6th grades in the fall, 2011. We meet with the students Monday through Thursday from July 11 until August 4. This is a great opportunity to keep the students' minds active while spending valuable time together. Classes are held in the Pokagon Head Start building during the morning, and afternoon activities take place around the Rodgers Lake campus. Limited transportation is available. Please contact Connie Baber, Department of Education's administrative assistant at 888-330-1234 for an application. The deadline is April 15.

## Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility "to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children," through our Child Protection Code. "The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band" says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

## Newly-Appointed Youth Cultural Coordinator to Create a Tribal Youth Council

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

The Department of Language and Culture recently hired Katy Morseau as the youth cultural coordinator. This is a newly-created position, and Morseau will be responsible for organizing a Youth Council for the tribe.

“The Tribal Council has been asking for a Youth Council,” said Morseau. “We want to teach our youth about how tribal government works, and provide them with professional training and cultural experiences.” Once the Youth Council is established, they will report to the Tribal Council, and members will attend monthly business and cultural meetings.

Opportunities for Youth Council involvement may be open to tribal citizens as young as age 12. “We are having preliminary discussions about having a Junior Council for members ages 12 through 17. A separate Senior Council would be for those members who are 18 to 24 years of age.”

The Junior Council would provide members with the opportunity to visit college and university campuses, receive college prep support, and attend a unity conference. The United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc puts on unity conferences to help tribes organize their own youth councils, and

provide opportunities for young Native Americans to interact with others with similar backgrounds, heritage and interests. Senior Council members would attend the annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference, receive professional training and work directly with the Pokagon Tribal Council on youth-related issues.

The Department of Language and Culture is hosting a Youth Social on Saturday, April 9 to kick off their new endeavor. They will have door prizes and will be serving refreshments. Morseau hopes to recruit new student and showcase tribal opportunities for youth. Those attending the event will have time to socialize with others interested in Youth Council, and they will have the opportunity to discuss their future plans and goals. Youth Council Alumni also will be on hand to talk about their experiences and to answer questions.

Prior to accepting this position, Morseau spent five years as a stay-at-home mother. She attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas and continues to work toward her Bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Southwestern Michigan College.

Morseau is up to the challenge of creating the Youth Council, and is eager to get started. With



Katy Morseau at the offices of the Department of Language and Culture.

such a large number of minors in the tribe, it is important to pass on tribal values and culture as well as to educate them. Citizens interested in more information on the Youth Council or the upcoming social may contact Katy by phone at 269-462-4254 or by e-mail at [katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Call for Pokagon Culture Camp Counselors

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for people interested in being counselors for the 2011 Pokagon Culture Camp. The camp dates are Thursday, June 24 –Thursday, June 30 with a mandatory orientation and training on Wednesday, June 23.

Counselor Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age
- Culturally knowledgeable
- High school graduate
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available to from June 23 – 30, 2011
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting

If you are interested in being a part of the 2011 Culture Camp team, please call Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, at 269-462-4296 to request a counselor application. All applications must be returned by April 20.

### Native Nations Youth Council Planning Trip to MSU Native American College Day

Native Nations Youth Council will be traveling to Michigan State University for a Native American College Day visit. The day-long event will be held on Thursday, April 21. The program is open to Native Nations Youth Council members who are Pokagon citizen high school students. The Native American College Day visit will include information about college life, the Eli Broad College of Business’ Multicultural Business Program, and presentations from the North American Indigenous

Student Association (NAISA) and the Native American and Hispanic Business Students (NAHBS). Students will also be given an opportunity to learn about admissions and the financial aid process.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator, at 269-462-4254. Transportation and meals will be provided.



### Gage Street Property Clean Up Day

Gage Street is a beautiful and spiritual place for our people. To take good care of it, we have to be respectful and responsible. The lake and the area around it have been neglected and need our tender loving care. When we work as a community to help heal Mother Earth, we all benefit from the medicine she gives back.

Please bring your family and join us Saturday, April 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to clean up garbage at the Gage Street property and help us restore the natural beauty. Bring a dish to pass at the potluck following clean-up.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 CMU Pow Wow
3 CMU Pow Wow	4 Elders Language Class	5	6 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Emerald Ash Borer Symposium	7 Language Class with John Winchester; Emerald Ash Borer Symposium	8	9 Native Nations Youth Council Youth Council Social
10	11 Elders Language Class	12	13	14 Language Class with Walter Johnson	15 Language Class with Walter Johnson	16 Gage Street Clean-Up
17	18 Elders Language Class	19 Native Healing	20 Native Healing; Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	21 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Lunch-and-Learn; MSU Native American College Day	22 Offices Closed (Good Friday)	23
24	25 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	26	27	28	29	30

Central Michigan University Pow Wow - CMU Events Center, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 11am – 12pm  
Emerald Ash Borer/Black Ash Basketry Symposium - Plainwell, MI  
Gage Street Clean-Up - Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, 1pm - 4pm  
Language Class with John Winchester - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm  
Language Class with Walter Johnson - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm

Lunch-and-Learn - Tribal Lodge, 11am - 12pm & 12pm - 1pm  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
MSU Native American College Day - MSU Eli Broad College of Business, East Lansing, MI  
Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine – Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Native Nations Youth Council, Youth Council Social - Language & Culture Office, 12:30pm - 5pm  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

The Gaming Authority moved to allow Pokagon citizens a 50 percent discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo and Hartford restaurants, effective May 7. This applies to all the restaurants: Copper Rock, Willowbrook, the Buffet, Timbers and the Kiosk.

### Four Winds Casino Resort Offers Summer Internship Opportunities

Four Winds Casino Resort's Tribal Development Program is pleased to offer a paid internship program for Pokagon Band citizens and spouses who are currently enrolled in college full time and at least 18 years of age. The eight-week program is for students with future goals of permanent employment at Four Winds Casino or as a means to build valuable work experience.

Our internship program will provide you with on-the-job training and practical experience in the casino industry, preparing you for employment positions in the casino and/or business fields. As a participant, you will also gain knowledge of tribal gaming while developing career-specific skills

and participating in professional development activities. Tribal gaming is an industry that is growing nationally, and the professional skills you will learn will help you for a lifetime in any career path you may seek. This is a paid internship; you will earn an hourly wage and, if needed, lodging will be provided at no cost to you. With an official request, your participation in the program may qualify for college credit.

Employment is subject to the completion of a satisfactory background check, pre-employment drug screening, and licensure by the Pokagon Gaming Commission.



If you, or someone you know, is eligible to participate in the internship program and would like more information, please contact Dana Binder, career development specialist at: 269-926-5228 or dbinder@fourwindscasino.com or Torie Winchester, manager of Tribal Placement and Development at: 269-926-5244 or twinchester@fourwindscasino.com.

## Chairman's Column

For those of you who may have missed the Annual Meeting we are still working to make sure the information is available to everyone. Our intent is to video and make available all meetings to our citizens. This should be the last meeting we will have to hold off our campus of facilities. In July of this year we will be opening the Community Center which will be large enough to hold our bigger meetings and also provide the needed technology to show most of our meetings live. If you get the opportunity, I would encourage you all to visit the offices and see what is new. I would also encourage you to get a copy of the Annual Report and see what has happened in the last year. I think you will be as proud as I am.

In addition to having each of our departments represented at the meeting, we also included an update by our directors on the Band's vision, guiding principles, desired outcomes and strategic initiatives. We as a government are always mindful of our responsibility to provide services to our citizens in the best way possible and with the respect you all deserve. You will note many changes in our system of service delivery as we work to meet our vision and guiding principles. I ask for your continued patience as we continue to work to find ways to provide better services to all of our citizens. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our employees and staff for their efforts in this regard. We have held several meetings between staff and council to discuss and fine tune the strategic plan and exchange ideas on how we can work better to provide that needed service. Thank you all again.

The Minors Trust folks were in town to answer any and all questions from our citizens. If you forgot your question or have a new one, they are very accessible and would be happy to speak with you. Feel free to contact our finance department for specific contact information.

Probably the more exciting parts of the meeting were the updates on casino expansion, financing, and Four Winds Hartford. Some of you may have heard us talk of Four Winds North, and I want you to know that the name has been changed to Four Winds Hartford. This change ultimately was a business decision, and based on the potential, this is a sound decision. You will see more soon as we get closer to opening this property. Invitations should be



mailed out as soon as we identify the exact date of completion. We are ahead of schedule on the projected October 1 opening date, so as you can see, things are moving smoothly. You can view the webcam by going to the Four Winds Casino website and click on webcam. A new picture is shown each day. We have many citizens employed in the construction phase and job fairs will begin soon for our citizens who wish to work at Four Winds Hartford.

The final plans for expansion at Four Winds New Buffalo are almost complete. Things have not changed much and this will be an important step in making Four Winds the Casino and Resort we market. I think everyone will be very pleased with the final plan and I'm sure we are all excited to see a finished project.

The more critical component is the refinancing of our debt. This has been a work in progress for nine months and we are just about to the point of a final decision.

Consistent with the philosophy of Council, there is a debt reduction plan/date contained in this refinancing. We can now make future financial decisions with the knowledge of a payoff date. I believe in future expansion talks we will be in a position to finance based on our bottom line, and not have to go through this process anymore. This is a major step for our future and places us on sound financial footing. The details aren't final but again I believe everyone will be pleased with the outcome. Our projections are conservative and the only place to go is up. As soon as we have reached a final decision we hope to convene a community meeting so that everyone can ask questions about the structure. We will have our finance team in attendance.

On a closing note, I would like to welcome our new Government Manager Jason Wesaw. In the past we have had a tribal operations officer, and as you can see we have changed the title. Jason is a tribal citizen who is recently retired from the military. We made a few changes to the job description and I think we have hit a home run with the new structure. Please stop in and say hi to Jason if you are in the area. You will find him very approachable, and dedicated to problem solving and building a standard of excellence from all of us.

Matt



Representatives of the Pokagon veterans group traveled to Sacaton, Arizona in February to participate in the annual Iwo Jima flag raising event at the Ira Hayes Post of the American Legion. Anthony Foerester carries the Eagle Staff, above, with Carl Wesaw, Ken Rader, Jerry Campbell and Jackie Trux is marching in regalia.

Ira Hayes was a Pima Indian from Sacaton who served in the Marines during WWII. During the battle on the tiny island of Iwo Jima in February 1945, an American flag was raised on a high point of Mount Suribachi. Ira went to help his comrades raise the flag and became a part of one of the most famous photographs in history. This photograph of six men raising the flag went on to become a symbol for rallying the American public towards victory, and the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.





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Department of Language and Culture

## April Language Classes

We are honored to invite John Winchester and Walter Johnson to be guest presenters for April's language classes. John Winchester (Pokagon Potawatomi) will incorporate the 200 Words to a Community project to teach demonstratives on April 7th (ex: this/that, these/those). Walter Johnson is a first language speaker and Forest County Potawatomi elder will be joining us to teach questions — how to ask and answer questions—on April 14th and 15th.

**Dates:**

**John Winchester's Class**  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
Topic - Demonstratives

**Walter Johnson's Classes**  
Thursday, April 14, 2011  
Friday, April 15, 2011  
Topic - Questions

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:**

Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Contact Information:**

Teresa Magnuson, Director of L&C  
(269) 462-4296 office • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### April & May

**Dates:**

Tuesday - Thursday  
April 19 - 21, 2011  
May 24 - 26, 2011

**Individual Appt. Times:**  
Jake, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Co-ed Sweat Lodge:**  
Thursday, April 21, 2011  
Thursday, May 26, 2011

**Location:**

Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Visiting with Healers:**

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

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## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday night at 6:00 pm.



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## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

**Dates:**

Every Monday  
April 4, 2011  
April 11, 2011  
April 18, 2011  
April 25, 2011

**Time:**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:**

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



**Everyone is Invited!**

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## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
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**Dates:**

Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Times:**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Locations:**

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

**Everyone is Invited!**

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Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
113	Barbara Sanders			x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
413	Patricia L DePriest		x	
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
521	Gloria Kellogg			x
630	Veronica Diamond			x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
898	Paul Isaac Gibson	x	x	
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2162	Rodney J Ross		x	x
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2614	Jackson P Little		x	
2649	Mark Jackson			x
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3096	Aaron Cortelyou		x	
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
3315	James Sanderson			x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4611	Kendra B Leija		x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Scrapbooking  
Day

April 2, 2011

1pm - 4pm.

58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI

Administration Building-Department of Education

Once again it is time to bring in your pictures and turn them into works of art.

*Join us to learn how to scrapbook, or get new ideas for your current scrapbook.*

Refreshments will be provided.

*Open to all Pokagon and JOM students and their families.*

RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free 888-330-1234. *Special drawing to be held for those who RSVP before March 30th.*

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## Elders Council Business Meeting

**March 3, 2011**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:02 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** Audrey gave an update on the jackets, the first shipment will arrive Friday March 4. These are for the people that live in Dowagiac and the surrounding towns. The next shipment will be the ones that have to be mailed. Lee Salvidar will drive the van to the MIEA conference. Petey explained that the LIHEAP and supplement heating will end March 14, 2011. LIHEAP serves the service area, supplement serves all over.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Stanley brought some information on a possible trip to Branson, MO. Elders Council is going to set up some trip procedures before any more are taken.
- Hannahville rooms have been booked for the August Gathering.
- A one-day casino trip was talked about. No decision.
- Ernie LaPointe, great grandson of Sitting Bull, will have lunch with the Elders on April 8, 2011.
- Not sure when the cook will be back.
- Wellness gathering was very interesting.
- Jeff Ballew would like the Elders support for the language program. A sheet was put out to sign if you were in support of the program. Many persons signed in support.

- Father Kevin will be the guest speaker at our March 17, 2011 social luncheon.
- Ruth commented on the no call backs from I.H.S. She called three times and never received a call back.

**MINUTES:** The February minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes, Ruth supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the Treasurers report with corrections, Ken supported, (5) yes, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am to 12:00pm.
- Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 am.
- Basket making will be held March 23, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Social luncheon is St. Patrick's Day, so everybody get out your green and wear it.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Topash, Gerald Wesaw, Evelyn "Cookie" Wesaw, Ila Jean Wolff, Carol Klemm, Pat Kleem, Ann Zimmerman, Essye Kirvan, Kittie Collet, Jo "Shear" Spichtig, Majel DeMarsh, Bonnie Daisy, Carol Minard, Charls Tindell.

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Ruth supported, (5) yes, Adjourned at 1:08

## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

### Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 4** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 5** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 10 a.m.
- 11** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 12** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 18** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 19** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 25** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 26** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 28** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, TBA

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

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58620 Sink Rd.  
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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



## Happy Birthday



**Pete Joseph Wesaw**  
Have a very happy 34th birthday  
April 18!

Happy Birthday, **Kennedy**  
Love, The Colletts



Happy 2nd Birthday, **NeNe**



**Lotus Kay Wesaw**  
Happy 5th birthday March 6  
I love you with all my heart,  
Grandma



Happy birthday, **Isaiah Mix**  
Love, Your Family



Happy 11th birthday,  
**Derrek Collett** April 3  
Love, all your family & friends


Congratulations, **Kenneth Antisdel**,  
on your new job as property  
manager at Four Winds Hartford!  
We are all so very proud of you.  
Love, Martha, Jackie, Mary, Shirley,  
Bob, Sue, Brian and Bill

Happy belated birthday to a  
wonderful son, brother and uncle,  
**Dean Orvis**, and congratulations on  
a great finish in the Tough Mudder  
competition. Out of more than 5,000  
participants, Dean came in 7th place  
and was invited to the World Tough  
Mudder competition. We love you  
and are proud of you! Good luck!  
Love, Mom, Dad and family

Happy Birthday April 12 to my son-  
in-law, **Cory Livingston**. Love, your  
mother-in-law, Martha McConnell

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## Youth Council Social

## Native Nations Youth Council

**Date:**  
Saturday  
April 9, 2011

**Time:**  
Refreshments-12:30  
Activities- 1:00-4:00  
Dinner- 4:00-5:00

**Location:**  
Language and Culture  
Department Office  
32142 Edwards Street  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(Old Enrollment Office)



This will be the initial gathering to establish our new Native Nations Youth Council. All Pokagon students between the ages of 12-25 are encouraged to attend. A discussion on the past, present and future of the program will take place. This event will give us the opportunity to hear your ideas for future trips and activities. We will also review the roles and responsibilities of youth council members.

**Door Prizes!!**

**Contact Information:**  
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katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov



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## DNR Staff Promote Thriving Prairie with Annual Prescribed Burn

Over the last couple of weeks, the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources conducted its second year of controlled burns of prairie landscapes in Dowagiac, Michigan and North Liberty, Indiana. According to DNR Director Mark Parrish, these prescribed burns are part of healthy prairie management and a practice that Native Americans have been using for hundreds of years.

“Burning the prairie regularly helps control invasive species, which don’t have the deep root structure that native plants have and can’t withstand the heat,” said Parrish.

The DNR conducts burns each year, rotating the areas in a checkerboard fashion so plots are burnt every few years and wildlife can migrate to an unburned plot. The department plans the burns early enough in the spring—late March to mid April—to avoid disturbing bird breeding season.

DNR staff and workers from Native Connections, an ecological restoration and native landscaping firm in Three Rivers, Michigan, managed the burn. Workers wore protective gear, and had water and tools for extinguishing fires at the ready. To begin the fire, a staffer walked the edge of a plot holding a drip torch filled with a mixture of diesel and kerosene. The flammable blend dripped out slowly and caught fire, setting alight the dry, wintered-over prairie grasses and wildflowers. To maintain control, the team started the fires downwind.

The burn changes the chemistry and the energy of the plants’ roots systems, producing phosphorous, potassium and other nutrients to support growth. The practice also encourages the development of fire-resistant species like berry and nut-bearing plants, helps control vermin and pests, and acts as wildfire prevention.

“This is what keeps the species that evolved in prairies going,” said Jerry Stewart, the president of Native Connections. “Native Americans figure this out years ago. A fire would occur naturally, and then a few weeks later sprouts flourished, which attracted the bison herds. Over the generations, tribes burned thousands and thousands of acres.”

It’s no surprise that wetlands and prairies work well together, as they do on the Band’s property in North Liberty, one thousand acres of which is enrolled in the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s Wetland Reserve Program.

“The native plants’ deep roots systems help maintain the wetland’s water level, retaining water which provides flood water storage and helps reduce the severity of flooding,” said Parrish. “This type of vegetation is how our ancestors managed water.”





## Tribal Citizen Headed to Washington D.C. to Serve as a Native American Congressional Intern

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Udall Foundation has awarded Alys Alley a Native American Congressional Internship. Alley, a Pokagon Band citizen and University of Michigan student, is one of 12 students presented with the opportunity to complete a ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C.

Students awarded the internships were matched with their positions, and Alley is extremely happy with her placement. Alley will be an intern for Representative Dale Kildee of Flint, Michigan. Kildee, a Democrat, represents the state's 5th Congressional District.

"Congressman Kildee has done a lot to advocate for Indian country," said Alley. "He is the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, and I will be working with the Caucus through his office." She will also be assigned other projects and initiatives through his office.

Rep. Kildee is a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, where he is a ranking member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. He is also a member of the Committee for Natural



Alys Alley

Resources, and he sits on the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs.

Since 1996, the Udall Foundation has awarded internships to 174 American Indian and Alaska Native students. Students are selected by an independent review panel of nationally recognized native educators and tribal policy leaders on the

basis of academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to careers in public policy. These highly regarded internships place students within Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they have a front row seat the government decision making process.

Alley heard of this internship opportunity from a friend who had completed the program and is in the Ford School of Public Policy. Alley expressed an interest in the federal government and also of interning in Washington D.C., and her friend encouraged her to apply for the Udall internship.

Alley is a student at the University of Michigan and has a double major in American culture and philosophy. After graduating next year, she hopes to attend graduate school with the ultimate goal of working in public policy.

"I'm particularly interested in political activism, graves protection, and education and economic development in tribal communities," says Alley. "I want to advocate for the American Indian people and serve the Pokagon community." Ideally, she wants to find a job that directly benefits the Pokagon people.

## Pokagon High School Seniors: Preparing for College Workshop

Wednesday, July 6 – Saturday July 9

Pokagon Campus, Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac

Pokagon tribal citizens who are graduating this spring from high school and who will be enrolled in college in the fall will have the opportunity to attend a four-day college preparation workshop. Activities will include:

- Opportunity to meet with Tribal Council and share a mentoring meal
- Presentation on future careers with the tribal government and tribal businesses
- Class on tribal sovereignty
- Workshops on financial planning, scholarships, finding resources on campus, healthy living while in college
- Panel discussion with current Pokagon Band college students
- Senior Awards Banquet on Friday, July 8
- Field trip to Chicago
- And more!

Participants will be provided with transportation to and from this program; travel days are Tuesday, July 5 and Sunday, July 10. Those tribal citizens who attend the entire program will receive up to \$250 orientation reimbursement.

Applications for this program will be available April 25 and must be completed and returned by May 31 to the Pokagon Department of Education. Please call 888-330-1234 for more details.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads 2011 Books Reading Program

Help us reach the goal of reading 2011 books. Here's how to become involved:

**Step 1:** Complete the 2011 Books application. You can sign up as one participant, or as a "read together" team of one adult/one child. One adult can be part of up to three "read together" teams.

**Step 2:** Read and share. You can report the books you read by e-mail, fax, mail-in, or drop-in. The total book count will be posted up in tribal offices, on the website, in the newsletter, and will be e-mailed weekly to participants who are interested.

**Step 3:** Celebrate! When 2011 books are read, everyone who actively participated will receive a reading t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing for gift cards. We will have a pizza party and ice cream bash to celebrate reaching our goal. Names of all participants will be posted in the newsletter.

Read! Share! Celebrate!

Program is open to all members of Pokagon citizen and staff households.

To sign-up, please contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

## Families Have Fun at Active Learning Event in Hopkins

The Department of Education hosted 39 people at the last Active Learning event in Hopkins on Saturday, March 19. There was an auction for the youth to purchase school supplies with play money, reinforcing money handling skills and the value of a dollar. Two guest speakers share information: Jennie Brown spoke about home schooling her children. Three of them are now doing well in college. June Fletcher shared some of her experiences raising her boys in a public school. Her sons have graduated from law school, one is now a judge, and the other a practicing attorney.

After a workshop highlighting various education programs, and tips and tools to help parents and their children with school, the evening concluded with families playing basketball and volleyball together. Congratulations to the Wilson Family for winning the gift card.



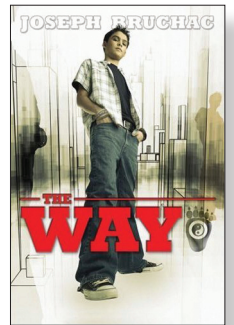
## May Book Review: *The Way*

Reviewed by Mat Barber, education associate

This book is a great read for anyone looking for a simple, well-written book and an inspirational story that holds your attention. I would recommend this book for all readers about sixth grade and older.

In this book, written by Joseph Bruchac, you will find a working relationship of Native American beliefs, European philosophy, and ancient martial arts practices. The story is one that many people can relate with in one way or another. A young boy, Cody LeBeau, struggles everyday with school bullies and teenage awkwardness, and is compelled to seek refuge in his fantasy world of Ninjas and Kung Fu masters. One day, his fantasies come true in the form of an Uncle he never knew existed. His Uncle, an Army Veteran and Mixed Martial Arts fighter, takes Cody under his wing, teaching him the discipline it takes to make it in his sport, as well as life.

I found *The Way* to be a surprisingly fun and exciting read. So if you are looking for a book that holds your attention, but doesn't take long to read, come to the Department of Education Library and check out a copy of *The Way*.



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## Annual Public Hearing for Title VII for the 2011 – 2012 School Year

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

5:15 – 6:15 pm

Pokagon Band Department of Education Offices  
Administration Building  
Rodgers Lake Property  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI

Please call for further information: 888-330-1234

This hearing is required by the Band's Title VII grant to share with Citizens the report on the work done through Title VII in the previous year prior to its filing. The Department of Education will also present plans for the upcoming year's grant.



## K-12 Program's Checklist for the End of the School Year and the Summer

- Summer School Applications

If you have a child who is interested in summer school, entering K-6 grade in the fall, and missed the April 15 deadline for application, please give us a call. We have a few spots still open and would love to see them here.

- Graduation Awards Banquet

We are honoring this year's high school grads and GED recipients on Friday, July 8 at SMC from 6:45 pm - 9:30 pm. Grads - get in touch to get your awards form. Community - please join us!

- Skono Gizhguk (Back to School Day)

Plans are already underway for this active, packed day, including K-12 registration, fun workshops, lunch, and awards for the work the kids have done during the 2010-2011 school year. New this year is a tee shirt to children who bring in their final grades from this year. Save Sunday, August 7. More information will be coming your direction.

- School Supply Reimbursement

We have families who haven't submitted their forms and receipts for the \$50 yearly school reimbursement. We would be glad to send forms out to you.

- Summer Tutoring

Just because most of the schools are closed doesn't mean that academic learning has to stop for the summer! If your child would benefit from tutoring during the summer, either to work on a new concept or continue tackling a difficult skill, call us. We are taking some tutoring students during the summer months.

- Summer Enrichment

There are two more deadlines, May 15 and June 15, for applications from Pokagon children entering 7 - 12 grades in the fall if you want to be part of this great summer program. Your child could receive up to \$500 from the tribe to have an experience of a lifetime! Apply quickly - availability is filling up. Call Connie with questions or to get an application.

- Remember Your Pokagon Band Library for Summer Reading:

Books, books, and books... include "listening and watching" in that invitation. We have a growing number of CDs and DVDs as well as great books. Come in, relax, check your selections out. Think about the places you and your children can visit through the pages of a great book!

Further information about anything listed here or needed applications can be obtained by calling Connie Baber at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.



Tyler Gettig, son of Paul and Rochelle Gettig, races cars with a toy he borrowed from the Department of Education's toy lending library. Families can borrow educational toys for Pokagon Band children up to age three. The toy lending library is open each Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Department of Education. Call 888-330-1234 for an application or to find out more.

## Scrapbooking Day

June 25, 2011

1pm - 4pm.

58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI

Administration Building-Department of Education

Once again it is time to bring in your pictures and turn them into works of art.

*Join us to learn how to scrapbook, or get new ideas for your current scrapbook.*

Refreshments will be provided.

*Open to all Pokagon and JOM students and their families.*

RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free 888-330-1234. *Special drawing to be held for those who RSVP before June 22, 2011.*

Sponsored by K-12 Programs of the



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## May is National Blood Pressure Awareness Month

One out of every ten Americans has high blood pressure. Many of those with high blood pressure don't even know they have it. About 90 percent of adults ages 45-64 will develop high blood pressure during the remainder of their life. High blood pressure was a primary or contributing cause of death for 326,000 Americans in 2006. Most of the time there are not any signs or symptoms. Heart attack and stroke are often the first indication of a problem.

Monitoring your blood pressure is key to detecting a blood pressure issue. The Pokagon Band Department of Health Services offers free blood pressure checks at Elders Hall, staff permitting, on most business meeting days, which

are every third Thursday of the month. Also you can check your blood pressure at local pharmacies, with an at-home monitor, and at our clinic.

Blood pressure is considered high if the top number is over 140 or the bottom number is over 90. Normal is considered 120/80, but experts say the lower the better. Don't be alarmed if you have one abnormal blood pressure reading; this may not mean you have hypertension, but does merit a proper examination to rule it out. Blood pressure readings can vary ten to 20 points within a few minutes, and the best way to diagnose blood pressure is the average of repeated blood pressure readings.

Blood pressure can be managed with diet, exercise, lowered sodium intake, and medications. If your blood pressure goes untreated, you are putting excess strain on your heart. This can lead to such serious health issues as heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, kidney disease, and heart attack.

If you have any questions about this article, please contact the health clinic at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234. We have two clinical RNs, two community health nurses, a nurse practitioner and a medical doctor available for any questions you may have.

## Walk the Path: St. Lawrence River

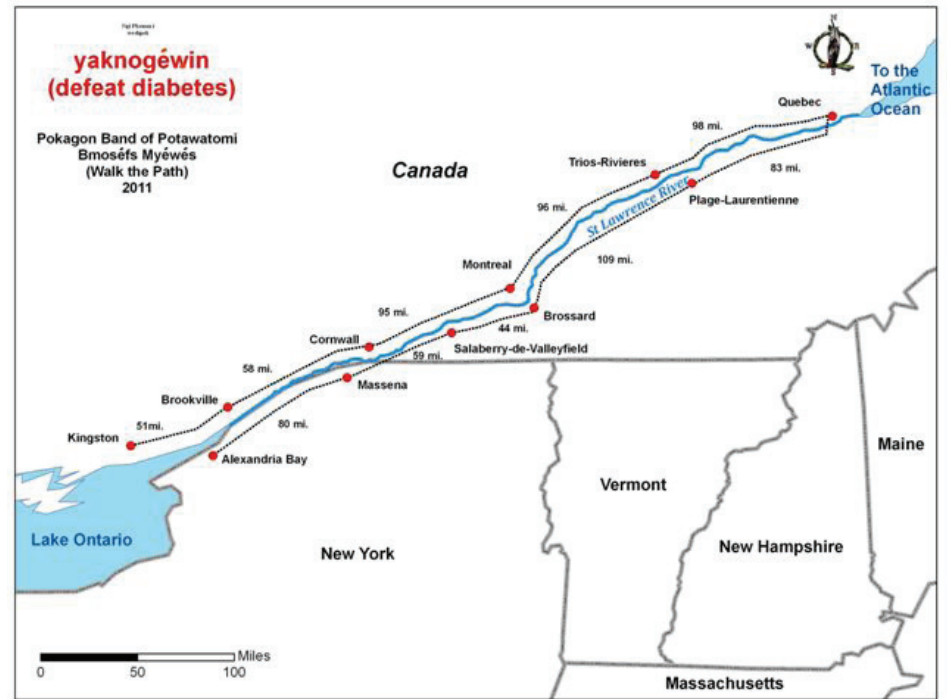
May 16 through November 1, 2011

It is time to gear up, get a new pair of walking shoes, and rise to the challenge of taking our sixth virtual walk, this time east to the Atlantic Ocean along the St. Lawrence River/Seaway. This 773 mile pretend trek will start at Kingston, Canada, and head northeast to the mouth of the river at the Atlantic Ocean and back to Alexandria Bay, New York.

Our goal is to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and promote activity to help stop or control diabetes while you increase your daily walking program. When you report your completed miles, you will also receive fun incentives at designated stops along the way.

Can you do it? Join us May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the Family Fun Walk at Rodgers Lake to learn more about how to sign up and begin recording your miles to complete this virtual walk. Families can participate in a half mile or one mile walk/run along the trails, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, and receive awards. Plus we'll have information about athletic shoes made for Native Americans.

If you aren't able to make this date, call Susan at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to learn about the details, register, and start the program at your earliest convenience.



### Health Related

- Darr & Associates • hearing exams
- \* Body composition analysis & Walk the Path sign up
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure • breast and cancer awareness
- \* A1C, glucose & vitals
- Foot exams

### Fun Stuff

- Haircuts
- \* T-shirts
- Paraffin wax hand treatment
- \* Raffle drawing & prizes
- Massage therapy
- Bingo
- A healthy lunch

### Earn a Raffle Ticket for Door Prizes

Educational booth = 1 ticket  
Hearing exam = 1 ticket  
Eye exam = 1 ticket  
Labs: A1C and/or glucose = 1 ticket  
Height, weight and BMI = 1 ticket  
Vitals = 1 ticket  
Breast exam = 1 ticket  
Pelvic exam = 1 ticket

To receive a ticket, schedule your breast and/or pelvic exam prior to the Womens Health Fair by calling the clinic at 269-782-4141.



## Bozho, Community Please join us Friday, July 8

### They Graduate - So Let's Celebrate

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education Awards Banquet  
honoring our  
2010-2011 High School Graduates and GED Recipients

Friday, July 8  
6:45 - 9:30 pm  
Dinner at 7:00  
Awards at 8:00

Southwestern Michigan College  
Mathews Conference Center East  
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center  
58900 Cherry Grove Road  
Dowagiac, MI

Graduates - Register for the program by June 24.  
Please contact Connie Baber in the  
Department of Education at  
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234  
with any questions or if you need your form.

**RSVP by June 29**  
**269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234**

Dedicating this evening to our Graduates allows us to celebrate with our younger students at another event on August 7 focusing on their year! Save that date.

You must present your lunch ticket to get your healthy lunch.  
You must be 21 years of age to receive the Grand Prize.

Make sure your name, number and date of birth are on the raffle ticket.  
You must be currently enrolled and from a federally-recognized tribe to participate.



## May Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



**Kayleigh Sanders** is a six year-old kindergarten student from Indianapolis, Indiana. Her mother is Barbra Sanders. Her grandmothers are Lori Avila and Louella Lewis. Kayleigh has two siblings, Aubrey and Brian Pelfrey. Her favorite foods include fry bread, pizza, grilled cheese, and chicken nuggets. She enjoys school, cards, Rummikub, Mario Brothers, and riding her scooter. Kayleigh would like to be a singer and an author when she grows up. Kayleigh is proud to be a Native American because she likes to dance and likes the pow wows. Kayleigh's tribal activities include: dancing, pow wows, and the talking circle.



**Cheyenne Yazel** is an eight year-old second grade student at Stark Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. Her parents are Melissa Scameheorn and Vincent Yazel. She has one brother, Bradley. Cheyanne loves spending time with her friends and playing softball. Her favorite thing is her bike. She also enjoys working with ponybeads, looming, and other arts and crafts. She would like to either be a policeman or a nurse so she can help people. Cheyanne is proud to be a Native American because, "my family enjoys doing bead art. My grandma Linda Topash Yazel is a master bead artist for the tribe and my dad does traditional art also. My dad has shown me how he sings with his drum."

**Kourtnei Brown** is a four year-old preschool student from Jackson, Michigan. Her mother is Renee Brown. Richard Brown, Sr. and Jeanette Johnson-Brown are her grandparents. Kourtnei loves to color and is involved in cheerleading at the YMCA. She is also learning to ride her big girl bike. Kourtnei would like to be a doctor or a nurse when she grows up, or maybe a superstar. She thinks the best things about her native heritage are the casinos and the pretty feathers.

## Family Welfare Commission Looking for Native Handmade Quilts or Artwork



Julie Farver displays one of the quilts she made.

The Family Welfare Commission is seeking handmade quilts—for purchase or donation—to replenish our stock. These quilts will be given to children that are either being reunified with their families or welcomed into a new home. These quilts are more than just blankets; they are symbols of a loving family wrapping their arms around a child. These will be keepsakes that the children will always treasure.

In addition to quilts, we are considering other traditional gifts that the children may cherish. We are open to any suggestions you may have. Some items of thought were corn husk dolls, hand drums, or moccasins. Suggestions welcome.

If these trades are your passion and would love to provide a gift of culture to our children, please contact the Social Service Department at 269-782-8998.

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**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi**  
**Department of Language and Culture**

**Pokagon Band  
Community Wellness  
Gathering**

**Friday, May 13, 2011**  
5:00-9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14, 2011**  
9:00-6:00 p.m.

**Native Nations Youth Council  
May Activities**

Gearing up for the junior and senior youth council's July elections, the Department of Language and Culture will be hosting a cultural and a fundraising/social event to help the youth get to know each other.

The first event is the Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering. This is not a youth council-exclusive event, but attendance is highly encouraged. Transportation will be provided if needed.

The second event is the Memorial Day Pow Wow, Youth Council fundraiser and recruitment booth. This will be a fun opportunity to get to know more Anishnaabe youth, recruit new members, and raise some zhoonya (money) at a cultural event. Pizza will be provided for youth volunteers at dinner break.

**Contact Information**  
 Katy Morseau, *Youth Cultural Coordinator*  
 (269) 462-4254 office • (269) 783-6773 cell.  
 Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

**Memorial Day Pow Wow  
Youth Council Booth  
Volunteers Needed**

**Saturday, May 28, 2011**  
11:00- 9:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 29, 2011**  
11:00- 6:00 p.m.



## Ten Ways to Be a Better Dad

### What's Happening

Children need both parents. Involved fathers can help children lead lives that are happier, healthier, and more successful than children whose fathers are absent or uninvolved. Fathers who spend time with their children increase the chances that their children will succeed in school, have fewer behavior problems, and experience better self-esteem and well-being.



### What You Can Do

- 1. Respect your children's mother**  
When children see their parents respecting each other, they are more likely to feel that they are also accepted and respected.
- 2. Spend time with your children**  
If you always seem too busy for your children, they will feel neglected no matter what you say. Set aside time to spend with your children.
- 3. Earn the right to be heard**  
Begin talking with your kids when they are very young and talk to them about all kinds of things. Listen to their ideas and problems.
- 4. Discipline with love**  
All children need guidance and discipline, not as punishment, but to set reasonable limits and help children learn from natural or logical consequences. Fathers who discipline in a calm, fair, and nonviolent manner show their love.
- 5. Be a role model**  
Fathers are role models whether they realize it or not. A girl with a loving father grows up knowing she deserves to be treated with respect. Fathers can teach sons what is important in life by demonstrating honesty, humility, and responsibility.
- 6. Be a teacher**  
A father who teaches his children about right and wrong and encourages them to do their best will see his children make good choices. Involved fathers use everyday examples to teach the basic lessons of life.
- 7. Eat together as a family**  
Sharing a meal together can be an important part of healthy family life. It gives children the chance to talk about what they are doing, and it is a good time for fathers to listen and give advice.
- 8. Read to your children**  
Begin reading to your children when they are very young. Instilling a love for reading is one of the best ways to ensure they will have a lifetime of personal and career growth.
- 9. Show affection**  
Children need the security that comes from knowing they are wanted, accepted, and loved by their family. Showing affection every day is the best way to let your children know that you love them.
- 10. Realize that a father's job is never done**  
Even after children are grown and leave home, they will still look to their fathers for wisdom and advice. Fatherhood lasts a lifetime.

Adapted from National Fatherhood Initiative. The NFI website now has FIVE ways to be a better dad at: [www.fatherhood.org/Page.aspx?pid=409](http://www.fatherhood.org/Page.aspx?pid=409)

Strengthening Families and Communities

[www.childwelfare.gov/preventing](http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing)

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## Great-Grandson of Lakota Leader Sitting Bull Speaks at Elders Hall

By Midge Holleman

Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of legendary Lakota leader Sitting Bull, visited the Pokagon Band's Elder Hall for lunch and a talk April 8. He opened by telling us that he had just visited the University of Michigan and was both honored, impressed and amazed by the interest shown in the Sitting Bull Family Foundation. His family organized the foundation as a legacy to his great-grandfather.

LaPointe shared how he had acquired a lock of hair of his great-grandfather, which was taken illegally at the time of his death by a member of the U.S. Army. He is in the process of having the lock DNA tested. He also spoke about how many people seem to think they are related to him. He takes this in good humor and asks what their connection is and then politely tells them their names are not on his family chart. His wife Sonja is a genealogist, and has thoroughly researched the family tree.

Carol Bainbridge, director of the Niles Fort St. Joseph Museum, also attended the event, which was sponsored by the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services and the Elders. The Fort St. Joseph Museum in Niles, Michigan has had several items of Sitting Bull on display, the leggings he was wearing when he was killed, a stone club and a beaver top hat. The museum also owns original pictographs drawn by Sitting Bull donated by Alice Quimby of Niles. Her family story is in the book *Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy*.

LaPointe stated at length that all people of First Nations need to work at preserving their language. He spoke to us in his Lakota language, and noted how difficult it is, but for him it is his first language. He is always amazed by some who say they can understand, but cannot speak, the language. He blames the establishment of government-run native boarding schools. These schools did not permit Indian children to speak their native language. Severe punishment was handed out if they did, which resulted in Indian children understanding the language but could not speak it. It is most important that all Native Tribes continue to teach our children cultural preservation, language and culture, education, environment, research and genealogy. He stated that native people live in two worlds, the modern and the traditional worlds, and we need to balance both.

For more information check out their website: [www.sittingbullfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.sittingbullfamilyfoundation.org)



Ernie La Pointe poses with Petey Boehm, Gayle Green and Andy Jackson, at Elders Hall.



Ernie La Pointe with Rita Yount.



## Pokegnek Edawat Boasts a New Playground Facility

Volunteers and staff from the Pokagon Band Department of Housing & Facilities were out in force Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15 building a new play area for the residents at Pokégnek Edawat in Dowagiac. In two days time, under less than perfect weather conditions, the group dug holes, pieced together the play set, and poured concrete so that the youngest residents will have a fun place to burn off some energy. Thanks to Karen Councilman, Angela Manfredine, John Carney, Dan Brant and Matt Garza who volunteered

their time and muscles, and to Melissa Rodriguez, who made sandwiches for the team. Judd Lumber, Harding's Friendly Market, the Marathon Gas Station on Spruce Street and A-1 Tree Expert's Dan Williams all donated materials, expertise or food. Thanks to everyone! A similar structure will go up April 28-30 at the campground at Rodgers Lake; call Housing at 877-983-0385 if you're interested in helping out.



## May 2011 Department of Language and Culture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Elders Language Class	3	4 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Language Class with Thomas Loftis	5 Language Workshop with Thomas Loftis (Topic: Questions)	6	7 Rescheduled Gage St. Clean-up
8	9 Elders Language Class	10	11 Language Class with Thomas Loftis	12 Language Workshop with John Winchester (Topic: Introductions)	13 Community Wellness Gathering	14 Community Wellness Gathering
15	16 Elders Language Class	17	18 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Mastermind Series (Staff Only); Language Class with Thomas Loftis	19	20	21 Edward Winchester Memorial Service
22	23 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	24 Native Healing	25 Native Healing; Language Class with Thomas Loftis	26 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	27 Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing	28 Memorial Day Pow Wow; Youth Council Fundraising & Recruiting Booth
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Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Community Wellness Gathering - Bear Cave Resort, Fri. 5 - 9pm, Sat. 9 - 6pm  
Edward Winchester Memorial Service - Sacred Heart Church, 11am  
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm  
Gage Street Clean-Up - Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, 1pm - 4pm  
Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, 6-8pm  
Language Class with Thomas Loftis - Admin. Bldg., Break Rm., 6-8pm  
Language Workshop with John Winchester - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

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Memorial Day Pow Wow - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, All Day  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Native Nations Youth Council, Pow Wow Booth - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, All Day  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Four Winds Casino Leadership Courses

The Four Winds Casino, in partnership with the Pokagon Band Tribal Government Human Resources Department, is pleased to announce that it is making leadership development courses available to all tribal citizens.

These are the same courses used by the casino in their development of internal leaders. Now they are making their successful tools available to all tribal citizens, no matter who your employer, or what your employment status is, and they are all free of charge. This is a great opportunity to prepare you to move into your next leadership role and help build those skills by working with a team with a positive track record.



The course offerings are:

- So You Want to Be a Supervisor and Obvious Choice which focus on the supervisory role and what it takes to do an effective job.
- Leadership 1–6 focus on your leadership potential and skills and helping you to develop into an effective leader.

The three classes of “So You Want to Be a Supervisor” and classes 5 and 6 of the Leadership series must be taken in order, but all other classes can be taken whenever offered.

If you are interested in any of these courses, please contact Chris Freehan, Training Specialist at the Tribal Government offices 269-462-4263 or at [chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

These courses have limited seating and are on a first come/first serve basis. Respond quickly to ensure your seat. Restrictions may apply.

Course Name / Description	Dates/Times Available
<b>LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication &amp; Cooperation”</b> This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.	Wednesday, May 25, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 2 – “DiSC Profile”</b> Participants take the DiSC© profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.	Tuesday, May 10, 1–3pm Thursday, June 30, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”</b> Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.	Thursday, May 19, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching &amp; Listening”</b> Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A five step coaching model is presented.	Wednesday, April 27, 2–4pm Wednesday, June 1, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”</b> Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.	Thursday, May 5, 2–4pm Thursday, June 9, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse &amp; Rider”</b> In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.	Friday, May 13, 9:30–11:30am Wednesday, June 22, 9:30–11:30am (you must complete LEADERSHIP 5 before taking this class)

Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.



## Elders Council Business Meeting

April 7, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:05 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P, Lynn Davidson, A. Also in attendance, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm

**AGENDA:** Susan Gunderson from Health Services gave a talk on health issues; she also informed us that the Womens Health Fair will be held May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. April 13 bingo will be held at Elders Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Jim Coleman from the Housing Department asked the Elders for their input on new policies that are being revised. A questionnaire was handed out, this is to be filled out with your ideas and returned to the Housing Dept.

Petey Boehm informed us that the Great-Grandson of Sitting Bull, Ernie LaPointe will be here for lunch and give a talk on Friday, April 8, 2011.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Margaret Rapp, asked for a donation to the quilting program, Elders Council approved a \$450.00 donation. The Watervilet bead store is going out of business.

**MINUTES:** The March minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Ken moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ruth, supported, (5) yes, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Theresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, introduced Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator. Saturday April 9 is the youth council social, at the Edwards St. location, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Members of youth council can be between 12 years and 17 years old. No date has been set for the summer camp.

The van that is going to MIEA conference will pick up their passengers at the Dowagiac train station Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Maxine thanked Jeanne for helping get the quarterly payment.

**OLD BUSINESS:** MIEA procedures were revised. The deadline for picking up the Elders jackets will be at the Memorial Day Pow Wow, and those not picked up will be sold. Two buses have been ordered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 a.m.

Basket making will be held May 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Auction, April 21 at Elders Hall.

April's social luncheon theme will be a Dress Up your Easter Hat.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** Valarie Baker, Judy Augusta, Bonnie Parrish, Petey Boehm, Vivian Jackson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (5) yes,

Adjourned at 1:32

## Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing Offered

On Friday, May 27, 2011 the Department of Language and Culture will be offering an Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing program as a pre-Memorial Day Pow Wow activity.

Head Veteran George Martin will be sharing teachings about pow wow etiquette and protocol around the pow wow arena. Joining us also will be a male and female dancer to share teachings and techniques for each of the common Great Lakes pow wow dance styles. Be ready to work up a sweat learning some new steps, so please wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes or moccasins.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, May 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the pow wow arena at Rodgers Lake, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan for traditional teachings, dancing, and fun. For questions or more information, please contact Andy Jackson, cultural specialist, at 269-462-4261 or by e-mail [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).



Amanda Pigeon and Marcus Winchester dance at the September 2010 pow wow.

### May & June

#### Dates:

Tuesday - Thursday  
May 24 - 26, 2011  
June 21-23, 2011

#### Individual Appt. Times:

Jake, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### Co-ed Sweat Lodge:

Thursday, May 26, 2011  
Thursday, June 23, 2011

#### Location:

Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### Visiting with Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

#### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

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## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday night at 6:00 pm.



#### Contact Information:

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## Native Nations Youth Council Gathers for First Meeting

On April 9 the Department of Language and Culture hosted the initial Youth Council gathering, with 22 of our youth in attendance. Before the meeting began, Anthony Forester, on behalf of the Veteran's Committee, honored the Native Nations Youth Council by posting the Pokagon community eagle staff to share the energy of our ancestors and support the youth. Clarence White, the Pokagon Band's spiritual leader, started off the meeting with a smudge and prayer.

The students were informed about the new structure of Youth Council. There will be a Junior Youth Council that will serve tribal citizens and JOM-eligible students in the 7th – 12th grades. We found a strong interest in tribal leadership from Pokagon citizens ages 18-24, so a Senior Youth Council is being created. The two groups brainstormed ideas for future programming, volunteering, and fundraising. The meeting was very productive and we look forward to putting our ideas into action.



The members of the Youth Council try to work together to untie the human knot during their recent gathering.

We also had a chance to have fun and get to know each other with an M&M game and playing the human knot. Our door prize winners were Aryn Forester, Autumn Martin, and Echo Glowacki. At the end of the meeting we enjoyed stuffed frybread sandwiches, soup, and salad. We are still excited for more youth to get involved with Youth Council and are encouraging students to attend the May and June programs listed below.

**May 13 and 14 | Cultural Program, Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering** This is not a youth council-exclusive event but attendance is highly encouraged.

**May 28 and 29 | Fundraiser and Social Event** Youth Council will staff a booth at the Memorial Day Pow Wow. We are seeking youth volunteers to work the booth and help with recruiting. Pizza will be provided at dinner break.

**June 4 | Cultural Program** A beading class will be held at the Language and Culture office, 32142 Edwards Street, Dowagiac, Michigan from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

**June 11 | Meeting and Social Event** Youth Council will be meeting to discuss previous activities and the upcoming July elections. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building's Finance Conference Room, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan from 1:00–4:00 p.m. with a movie and snacks following.

Elections for E-board will be held July 9 for both the Junior and Senior Youth Councils. Youth Council membership applications will be available at all of the above listed events and must be submitted to Katy Morseau before elections to be eligible to vote.

If you are interested in any of these programs, have any questions about Youth Council, or need to make transportation arrangements, please contact Katy Morseau, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at 269-462-4254 or e-mail Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

## Call for Specialty Service Providers for Culture Camp

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard, 2) nurse, and 3) caterer. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 23–30, 2011. If you love kids, are certified to fulfill the duties of the position, and are interested in providing your services for this great event, please contact Katy Morseau, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at 269-462-4254 or Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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## CULTURE CAMP

### Calling all Pokagon Youth in the 2nd - 12th Grades!

We are excited to invite you to the 2011 Summer Youth Culture Camp hosted by the Department of Language and Culture. The focus of this year's camp is language, culture, spirituality, land knowledge, Anishnaabe history, and education. Many of the camp activities will be built around cultural teachings and language lessons, but will also include your favorite conventional camp activities. We hope you can join us in making some great summer camp memories.

#### Dates:

##### Session 1

2nd - 6th Grades  
Friday, June 24, Sunday, June 26

##### Session 2

7th – 12th Grades  
Sunday, June 26, Thursday, June 30

#### Eligibility:

Pokagon Citizens and JOM eligible students  
2nd - 12th grades

#### Registration:

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be accepting applications until **June 1, 2011**.

Note: Space is predetermined, so applicants maybe put on a waiting list if capacity is reached before the deadline.




#### Contact Information

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# Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering



**Mno-Widokéwenké**  
(Making Good Assistance)

**Topic:** Traditional Gender Roles  
**Dates:** May 13 & 14, 2011  
**Times:** Friday, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Bear Cave Resort,  
 4085 Bear Cave Road, Buchanan, MI 49107  
**Facilitators:** Native Wellness Institute,  
 Theda New Breast & Gene Tagaban

**Elders:**  
 Clarence White & Lillian Rice  
**Presented by the**  
 Departments of Language and Culture,  
 Social Services, Education,  
 Housing, Health Services

The Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering is developed with the goal of making a "head to heart" connection. Through culture, wellness, and knowledge, participants will make a journey to awareness and potential positive behavior change. The event will be facilitated by two Native Wellness Institute trainers, Theda NewBreast and Gene Tagaban, with traditional teachings provided by two elders, Clarence White (Pokagon Potawatomi) and Lillian Rice (Forest County Potawatomi). Conversations for this gathering will focus on traditional gender roles - gender roles in relationship to work life, community, family and healthy relationships. As always, the topics will be combined with fun and interactive activities. This gathering is relevant to both individuals who have been on the wellness path, and for first-timers! We hope you can join us.

**Contact Information: Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture**  
**Office: (269) 462-4296, Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov**

**Door prizes • Give Away • Family Event • Meals Provided**  
**Lodging Assistance Scholarships Available**



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## May Language Workshops

We are honored to invite Thomas Loftis (Citizen Potawatomi) and John Winchester (Pokagon Potawatomi) to be guest presenters for May's Potawatomi language workshops. Thomas and John will expand on April's workshops with Lillian Rice. Thomas will review pronunciation and then expand on uses of question words (who, what, where, why, when). The following week, John will share more vocabulary and phrases that can be used in personal introductions.

**Dates:**  
**Thomas Loftis' Class**  
 Thursday, May 5, 2011  
 Topic - Question Words

**John Winchester's Class**  
 Thursday, May 12, 2011  
 Topic - Introductions

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:**  
 Administration Building  
 Finance Conference Room  
 58620 Sink Road



### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Contact Information:**  
 Teresa Magnuson, Director of L&C  
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 Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
 MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins at 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2 Language</b> Baked or Grilled Chicken Baked Potato Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Cottage Cheese and Peaches Roll	<b>3</b> Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Asparagus Garden Salad Yogurt and Fruit Cup Roll	<b>4</b> Snapper (Fish) Baked Potato Wedges Spinach Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit , Roll	<b>5 Business</b> Grilled Buffalo Burgers and Brats Three Bean Salad Relish Tray Fruit Salad Cake	<b>6</b> Spaghetti (Meat and Meatless) Zucchini Garden Salad Garlic Bread Ice Cream
<b>9 Language</b> Pea OR Wild Chicken Rice Soup Veggie Tray Waldorf Salad Corn Bread	<b>10</b> Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Succotash Coleslaw Strawberry Angel Food Cake	<b>11</b> Beef Roast Potatoes Carrots Garden Salad Blueberry Cobbler, Roll	<b>12 Housing Meeting</b> Walleye Black Beans and Rice Broccoli Red Cabbage Slaw Roll	<b>13</b> Deli Sliced Chicken and Turkey Assorted Breads Relish Tray Baked Chips Melon Wedges Oatmeal Cookie
<b>16 Language</b> Turkey Sloppy Joe Potato Salad Veggie Tray Cherry Crisp	<b>17</b> Buffalo Pot Pie Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Fruit Tray Roll	<b>18 Basket Making</b> BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit, Roll	<b>19 Social</b> Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Carrots, Broccoli, and Cauliflower Ambrosia Salad Melon Slices, Roll	<b>20</b> Salmon Patty Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Garden Salad Strawberries and Blueberries
<b>23 Language</b> Grilled Pork Steak Italian Pasta Salad Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Fresh Fruit Roll	<b>24</b> Chicken Shish-Ka-Bob with Vegetables Rice Pilaf Garlic Bread Sherbet	<b>25</b> Buffalo Chili Garden Salad Rice Pilaf Corn Bread Jell-O with Fruit	<b>26</b> Turkey Burgers Baked Potato Fries Relish Tray Coleslaw Yogurt with Fruit	<b>27</b> Spring Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Tomato Salad Cottage Cheese Blueberry Pie
<b>30</b> Closed Memorial Day	<b>31</b> Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Squash Waldorf Salad, Roll	Fruits, vegetables, beans and whole grains add fiber to your diet. Try to eat 5 or more servings a day for good heart health.	<b>Please Note:</b> Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.	<b>Note:</b> Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
113	Barbara Sanders			x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
413	Patricia L DePriest		x	
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
521	Gloria Kellogg			x
630	Veronica Diamond			x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
898	Paul Isaac Gibson	x	x	
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdal		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2649	Mark Jackson			x
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Pokagon Band Department of Education  
K-12 Program's "Let's try it!" Series

G'ga-ketgémen. (Let's Plant.)



Join us as we get timely tips and hints about planting and growing. You will plant your own container to take home with you. We will finish with a fun game of lacrosse!

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 4  
1:00-3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Tribal Lodge Pavilion  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



An invitation to Pokagon and JOM children and their families.  
To hold your spot call Connie Barber at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Tribal Council **May** Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 3 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 10 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 16 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 17 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 23 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 24 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

## Notice To Tribal Citizens

Effective as of May 7, 2011, your Pokagon Gaming Authority has arranged for all Tribal Citizens to receive a 50 percent discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo and Four Winds Hartford restaurants. The discount is for food only, and does not include alcoholic beverages. You must be 21 years of age and have a Tribal ID with photo, or a Tribal ID with a Driver's License or State ID with a photo. Each cardholder is permitted an unlimited number of guests to all outlets, with the exception of Copper Rock Steakhouse, which will be limited to a total party of six and will require advance reservations. Reservations will be based on availability and will be reserved for casino guests on weekends, holidays and high volume marketing event days.

One bill for the entire party will be collected at the time of the visit. (Sorry, no exceptions.)

The following is a listing of the restaurants where the 50 percent discount is available:



- **The Buffet** Minors are welcome accompanied by a parent or legal guardian 21 years of age.
- **Willowbrook Café** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Copper Rock Steakhouse** Reservation required. Maximum party of 6. Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers Hartford** Must be 21 to enter.

The Pokagon Gaming Authority and Four Winds staff is very excited to be able to implement this discount for its Tribal Citizens.

*Pokagon Gaming Authority*

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



### Dates:

Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011

### Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

### Contact Information:

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Office: (269) 462-4261

Elders Council Directory

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Kenneth Rader, Vice Chair 269-876-7797	Ruth Saldivar, Member at Large 269-409-8283
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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.





Happy birthday **Kennady**  
From Mom and Dad



Happy birthday to the **Iceman**  
Love,Your Family

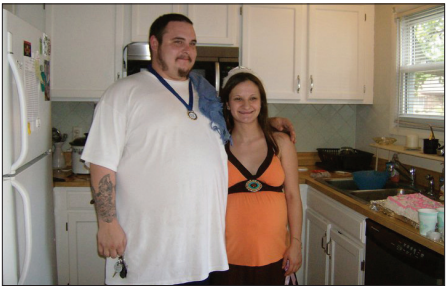
The happiest of birthdays to **Shirley Sigfrids** and **Jackie Genereaux**, two of my sisters who share the same birthdate, May 23.  
Love ya, Martha



Congratulations **Kassidy** on your 7th place finish at state for Destination Imagination!  
Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations to my daughter, **Nicole Johnson**, and fiancé **Jay Eschman**, on the arrival of **Jayden Ann** on March 29.  
From proud grandparents Julia and Tory Stanhiser, and Uncle Judd



Happy 26th birthday May 9, **David Michael Wesaw**  
Hope you have a great day!  
Love Mom

There will be a memorial ceremony May 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, near Sister Lakes in Dowagiac, Michigan, to honor **Edward M. Winchester**, who was killed in World War II and is buried in Epinal, France. There will be a stone cross placed next to his father's grave in memory to commemorate all Edward gave for his country. Winchester friends and family are invited to attend.  
Thank you, Gorden "Gus" Gwilt



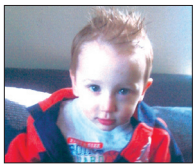
**Alyson Joyce Boffo**  
Indiana University-  
Purdue University  
Bachelor of Social  
Work  
May 15, 2011  
Congratulations,  
Ally we all are  
so PROUD of  
you and your  
accomplishment  
these last four years  
of college. Grandma Green is looking  
down and beaming with happiness!

As you take your next step in August in obtaining your Master's Degree in Social Work, we all behind and proud of you!  
Love,  
Aunt Rusty, Peggy, KK, Uncle Rocky, Joe, Phil and all your cousins. Especially your Mom, Dad and sisters, along with your aunt and two uncles looking down and smiling, too!



**Nikki Dobberstein**,  
Congratulations on your achievements at state competition in the Business Professionals of America Club. I am so proud of you and your advancement to the national competition in Washington D.C. on May 4- 8.  
Good luck! We will all be cheering you on. Love you, Mom, family & friends

Happy 2nd birthday,  
**Tommy** on May 27  
From Mommy, Daddy  
and family



**Nagnashkh-mbes Neshnabe Mbokan**, the annual Rush Lake Indian Cemetery Mass, will be held Monday, May 30. Mass will begin at 1 p.m., with a potluck lunch to follow.



Congrats to **Michael and Richard Newcomer**, sons of Melissa and Tony Rodriguez, grandsons of Marie Manley, on their acceptance to Western Michigan Fall 2011!  
We are so very proud of the two of you and all of your accomplishments in your lives! Go Broncos!  
Love,  
Mom, Tony, Tori and Grandma

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Administrative Office  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

Honoring the New Eagle Staff  
Presented by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**Memorial Day Weekend  
Saturday and Sunday  
May 28 & 29**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan

**Saturday, 7:00 a.m.**  
Ceremony and feast for  
Pokagon Band veterans  
honoring the new  
Eagle Staff

**Grand Entries**  
Saturday  
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.

Pow Wow vendor information:  
Julie Farver, 269-462-4200

Volunteers please call:  
Susan Laursen, 269-591-4456  
Alycia Atkinson, 231-578-4373  
or anishmama2@aol.com

For other Pow Wow information  
Contact Kevin Daugherty,  
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200

**Head Veteran:** George Martin  
**Head Female Dancer:** Rachael Topash-Tone  
**Head Male Dancer:** Tom Topash  
**Junior Dancers:** Onyleen Zapata & Gabriel Tone  
**Invited Drums:** Ribbon Town,  
Sons of Three Fires, Southern Straight  
and Painted Rock  
**Co-MCs:** Jason Wesaw and Roger Rader  
**Arena Director:** Carl Wesaw  
**Fire Keeper:** John Winchester and  
the Firekeepers Society

*This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.*





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

June 2011

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### Sarah Ballew Awarded Eagle Fan for Academic and Extra-Curricular Accomplishments

By Jennifer Dougherty

During the 22nd Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow, Teresa Magnuson, director of Language and Culture for the Pokagon Band, honored tribal citizen Sarah Ballew with an eagle fan for her outstanding achievements in academics and extra-curricular activities. The event was held on April 2 and 3 at the CMU Events Center.

Currently a senior at Shepherd High School in Shepherd, Michigan, Sarah has been accepted to the University of Michigan where she plans to major in science. She is dedicated to her academic success, and recently was named the salutatorian of her graduating class. She serves as the senior class president, Science Club treasurer, and a member of the National Honor Society. Her peers elected her both homecoming and prom queen; she's the first Native American in her school to hold those titles. In addition to her studies, Sarah finds time to run on the cross country and track and field teams.

Both of Sarah's parents are Native American, and their dedication to their culture has played a prominent role in her upbringing. Sarah's father, a citizen of the Pokagon Band, and her mother, a Saginaw Chippewa, have provided traditional teachings and tribal involvement for her entire life. "I've been involved in traditional dancing since I started walking," Sarah recalls. Sarah is now a jingle dress dancer and will use the eagle fan during her dances.

"The eagle feather is a living, spiritual item," said Magnuson. "Like other living things, the feathers must be cared for. The spirit can give her strength and will help her on her life journey." Teresa says she presented Sarah with the eagle fan because of the way that Sarah has conducted herself in the areas of academics and extra-curricular and tribal activities.

Sarah says she is excited and eager to start University of Michigan this fall. As she embarks on a new chapter of her life, the eagle fan will accompany her and give her strength to reach her goals.

### Welcome to the new Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

The Communications Department has updated the format to include full color, a new paper stock and a more efficient mailing design. The hope is that these changes make the newsletter easier to read and more eye-catching. We welcome feedback on this and any other communications initiative: [newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov). Enjoy!



Sarah Ballew at the Central Michigan Pow Wow holding her eagle fan.



## What's New in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans? The Second of Two Parts

By Susan Gundersen, RD, CD  
Public Health Nutritionist

We often hear about the foods in our daily lives we should do without or limit, or that we eat too much of. But how often do we talk about what we aren't eating enough of? Do you know what four leading nutrients are missing in the American diet?

Every five years the Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and Health and Human Services Department release new dietary guidelines for Americans, and the 2010 guidelines were made public a few months ago. It lists potassium, dietary fiber, calcium, and vitamin D as the four shortfall nutrients. We are encouraged to improve our intake of these nutrients and build healthier eating patterns. Foods to increase and

improve your intake of vitamin D, potassium, calcium and dietary fiber include vegetables, fruits, whole grains, milk and milk products, and seafood.

One easy food to choose and get three of the four missing nutrients is milk. Children and adults can benefit from two to three cup daily servings of milk, which will add vitamin D, calcium and potassium. If you don't like to drink milk, make pudding or use it in cooking hot cereals. Yogurt is another food that will provide those same nutrients. Add fruit, a whole grain Graham cracker, or dry whole grain cereal and you have just added that last shortfall nutrient fiber. Remember, fruits provide potassium and fiber. Vegetables provide calcium, potassium, and fiber.

Seafood provides vitamin D and calcium.

If you are one of many who are lactose intolerant and want to learn about the options available to improve your milk tolerance, or would like to learn how to add more of these nutrients to your diet, contact the Pokagon Department of Health Services at 888-440-1234.



## North Liberty Wetland Restoration Diminishes Flooding during Recent Rains

Heavy spring rains have caused major flooding and property damage throughout the Midwest this year, but one area avoided problems, thanks to the Pokagon Band's restoration efforts along the Kankakee River in northern Indiana. According to Mark Parrish, the director of the tribe's Department of Natural Resources, an area south of the tribe's property experienced enough flooding to effect a couple hundred acres when the excess water topped a levy.

Historically, though, this type of flooding would have caused thousands of acres of flooding. Yet the wetland restoration effort held back the water, preventing the flooding of much more farm land.

As Parrish says, it's a system designed to manage water. The wetland, with its marshes and native vegetation with deep root structures, creates a system that holds the water longer, and slowly releases it over time.

The St. Joseph County Drainage Board, an entity which deals with water management, alerted the DNR to this success.

"It's nice to get feedback like this," said Parrish. "This is a working example of how the landscape is supposed to function."

Over the past few years, the Pokagon Band's DNR has been restoring its property to wetlands by plugging ditches to recreate marsh conditions. They've planted warm season grasses and forbs to bring back the mesic prairie conditions on higher ground, and have had a prescribed burn to encourage favorable growth. About one thousand acres of the property is enrolled in the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service Wetland Reserve Program, and the State of Indiana Classified Wildlands Program.



## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Community Center On Track to be First Gold LEED-Certified Building in Area

### Project to be Complete Next Month

The community center construction team reports that the building project moving quickly, and that it will be completed in mid to late July. The center, which is being built with funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is also on track to be the first gold LEED-certified building in the tri-county area. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally-recognized green building certification system. Developed by the U.D. Green Building Council, LEED provides building owners and operators ways to identify and implement practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

The space will embody the Band's mission to preserve Mother Earth with a host of green features, including solar panels and a section of the roof that will support the growth of live native plants. This vegetated green roof will help insulate the building and reduce water runoff. Another feature is a geothermal heating and cooling system that will improve comfort and reduce both energy dependence and operating costs. The large meeting room with a southern orientation and glass walls will use passive solar to maximize daylight and manage heat gain. A 12-inch concrete floor in the main space will act as a heat sink that will help retain heat in the winter by absorbing radiant sunlight. Also planned is the use of porous pavers rather than asphalt in the parking lot to reduce stormwater runoff.



This view of the project shows the outdoor fire pit and the southern-facing wall.

## Gift Sculpture From IUPUI Arrives



Visitors to the Rodgers Lake campus will notice a new addition to the Administration Building's rotunda. The American Indian Programs office at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis commissioned artist Jason Bord to create a sculpture in gratitude to the Pokagon Band for their support of Native American programming at the university. Jason brought the piece up from Indianapolis May 19, and installed it in the rotunda. It's a hollowed-out sycamore tree trunk whose branches are meant to represent fire, in honor of the Potawatomi role as keepers of the fire. With an iron, he created small designs in the wood, following the natural lines of the tree's development.

Eventually the piece will be housed in the Band's community or cultural center, but for now, it's in the rotunda for citizens, visitors and staff to enjoy. Pictured with the sculpture are Charmayne Champion-Shaw, left, and Professor Johnny Flynn, right, both of the American Indian Programs office at IUPUI, and Jason Bord, center, the artist.



## Head Start Accepting Applications for the 2011–2012 School Year

Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 school year. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID to be considered for enrollment by the application deadline of June 1, 2011. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at 269-783-0026 or 866-250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30. Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities.

### Upcoming Events/Closures

- **May 19** Last day of school
- **May 30** Head Start office closed in observance of Memorial Day
- **June 1** Application deadline for the 2011–2012 School Year
- **July 4** Head Start office closed in observance of Independence Day
- **September 5** Head Start office closed in observance of Labor Day
- **September 6** First day of school for the 2011–2012 school year

### Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer. Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins, etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

### Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart and gallon size), hats and gloves.

### Happy Birthday to You!

May:

**Selphie Rapp**, May 4, Happy 4th Birthday!

**Caleb Phillips**, May 19, Happy 5th Birthday!

June:

**Mylic Green**, June 2, Happy 4th Birthday!

**Neka Langley**, June 8, Happy 5th Birthday!

**Mrs. Maggie Valdes**, June 30, Happy Birthday!

## Future Pokagon Band College Student Learn More About Higher Ed and Careers



Tribal government staff offers insight about professional development during a panel discussion on Career and Education Day

### By Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist

Friday, April 29 the Pokagon Band Department of Education hosted its first Career and Education Day. Over forty-one participants started the day off listening to the keynote address from Chairman Wesaw, who encouraged everyone to pursue higher education and emphasized how that pursuit will drive the Pokagon Band towards excellence.

For the rest of the morning, high school and college students met with college admissions representatives in the Tribal Council Lodge, while the seventh and eighth grade students explored career options at the Department of Education's computer lab. These students traveled through [www.driveofyourlife.org](http://www.driveofyourlife.org), a website that posed a series of questions and led students to various links that explained job functions that were compatible with their answers. They also engaged in discussions with the Department of Education staff about financial and college options.

In the afternoon, The middle school students constructed individual collages that reflected their goals for the future and Susan Gundersen, Pokagon Band's Public Health Nutritionist, helped the students better understand healthier nutritional choices during a workshop. The high school and college students attended two afternoon panels: one focusing on college success stories and the other on careers within the tribal government. Both panels allowed for tribal citizens and staff to share experiences.

All of the participants were also given the opportunity to look through financial aid resources in the tribal library and to meet with Education staff on programs currently offered. The Career and Education Day was a success, thanks to team collaboration from all of the Department of Education staff, several tribal citizens and the other Pokagon government staff who assisted with the program.

## Attention College-Bound Students

### Bonnie Parrish, MIEA Secretary

Michigan Indian Elders Association is once again offering one \$1000 and four \$500 scholarships to college-bound students. The winners will be selected by a panel of judges looking for the most qualified students. To get your applications you may go online to: [www.michiganindianelders.org](http://www.michiganindianelders.org)

Entries this year must be in the hands of Bob Menard by June 22, 2011 to qualify. The Pokagon Band has had several winners in the past, and hopefully this year we will again be able to announce some Pokagon winners. Good luck!



## Skate Jam Showcases Native Skateboarders

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

The Fifth Annual All Nations Skate Jam was held on April 30 and May 1 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This event is put on each year by Nibwaakaawin, an organization that has a mission of empowering native youth creativity, courage, pride, cultural identity and healthy physical activity through skateboarding.

The Pokagon Band's director of language and culture, Teresa Magnuson, has served on Nibwaakaawin's board for five years. "The Skate Jam is our flagship event," explained Magnuson. "Like other sports, skateboarding gives our youth a chance to commit to something that builds self-esteem and confidence." The organization aims to provide positive, healthy, and cultural programs that steer youth away from alcohol and other troublesome activities.

The All Nations Skate Jam is the largest and most prestigious skateboard competition for Native youth. The event attracts Native American skate companies, youth groups, skaters, musicians, artists, filmmakers, and more. While Skate Jam is open to all nations, Native Youth receive special recognition within each category and are awarded a beaded medallion. This recognition gives them visibility among sponsors of the event which include many big companies



A skater shows his stuff at Skate Jam.

within the skating industry. The event also provides excellent networking opportunities for skaters interested in a career in the skateboarding business.

While the Pokagon Band did not have any skaters in the competition this year, the tribe donated \$500 to the event and several tribal members were in attendance. Skate Jam was held near the Gathering of the Nations Pow Wow, the largest Pow Wow in the nation, and attracted 700 participants and more than 3,000 spectators.

"Skate Jam incorporates cultural teachings in to the event," said Magnuson. "The days started with smudge, prayer and a drum welcome song. On Sunday, an elder did a teaching about the importance of feasts in the Native American culture."

Nibwaakaawin, which means "wisdom", is a non-profit organization that promotes non-violent, healthy, physical activities to Native youth. Skateboarding is the fastest growing sport on Native American reservations, and this has prompted many Native communities to build skateparks to give their youth the opportunity youth to exercise and socialize.

Involvement in a sport promotes a healthy lifestyle and encourages youth to make good choices. Nibwaakaawin hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of Native youth by providing Native role models to mentor and teach health maintenance skills, conflict resolution, team building, and entrepreneurship. Additional information about Nibwaakaawin and their programs can be found on their website at [www.allnationsskatejam.com](http://www.allnationsskatejam.com).

## Four Winds Hartford Construction Nearing Completion



The Four Winds Hartford project is continuing well, on schedule to open at the end of August. Pictured above is the front entrance.



**CENTER FOR NATIVE  
AMERICAN YOUTH**  
AT THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

The Center for Native American Youth invites you to **JOIN US** at a half-day Youth Summit at the National Congress of American Indians' Mid-Year Conference.

Founded by former US Senator Byron Dorgan, the Center for Native American Youth is a policy program at the Aspen Institute and is dedicated to combating the challenges facing Native youth and also serves as a resource for tribal communities and youth.



**WHAT: Center for Native American Youth Summit Meeting**  
**WHERE: NCAI Mid-Year Conference, Milwaukee, WI**  
**WHEN: June 13, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00 PM**



### Schedule of Events

**Introductions** from Senator Byron Dorgan and Center for Native American Youth Director Erin Bailey.

**Presentations** from Native American youth advocates, such as Senator Byron Dorgan and Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's Barbeque restaurant. Learn about great youth programs, activities and resources in Indian Country, and share your views about the issues.

**Roundtable Discussion** to hear directly from youth, tribal leaders, and advocates in Indian Country, about the successes and challenges young people face in your communities and what should be done about it.



## Keep Students' Minds Sharp Over the Summer

Teachers may typically spend four to five weeks in the fall not only getting to know their new class, but helping them to remember what skills and knowledge they lost over the summer. The decline in the newly-acquired skills can be such a setback; wouldn't it be great to change that pattern, especially with your child?

Not all parents, grandparents, or guardians have access to the resources to help their students. The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer to meet the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills growing, not shrinking, during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall.

Studies have shown that at least fifty percent of students would rather be doing something learning-oriented during their summer break. We can help! Call Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887.

## Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads 2011 Books Reading Program

Help us reach the goal of reading 2011 books. Currently we have recorded 201 books read. Keep up the good work! If you're not already, here's how to become involved:

**Step 1:** Complete the 2011 Books application. You can sign up as one participant, or as a "read together" team of one adult/one child. One adult can be part of up to three "read together" teams.

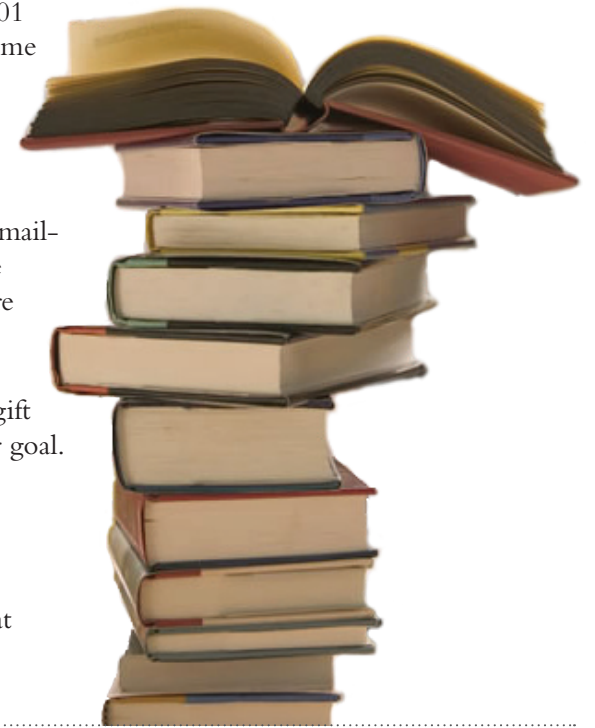
**Step 2:** Read and share. You can report the books you read by e-mail, fax, mail-in, or drop-in. The total book count will be posted up in tribal offices, on the website, in the newsletter, and will be e-mailed weekly to participants who are interested.

**Step 3:** Celebrate! When 2011 books are read, everyone who actively participated will receive a reading t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing for gift cards. We will have a pizza party and ice cream bash to celebrate reaching our goal. Names of all participants will be posted in the newsletter.

### Read! Share! Celebrate!

Program is open to all members of Pokagon citizen and staff households.

To sign-up, please contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.



### Drumming

6/1 & 6/22 - Men's Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

6/1 & 6/22 - Women's Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

### Language

Mondays - Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm

6/13 - 6/17, Hannaville Immersion Camp, Wilson, MI

6/9 - Language Workshop with John Winchester - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

6/21 - Language Workshop - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

### Native Healing

6/21 - 6/23 - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

6/23 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge, Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

### Native Nations Youth Council

6/4 - Beading & Loom Making Class, L&C Office, 1-4 pm

6/8 - Gardening Day, L&C Grounds, 3-5 pm

6/11 - Meeting & Movie, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 1-4pm

6/13 - 6/16 - NCAI Mid Year Conference, Milwaukee, WI

6/21 - Gardening Day, L&C Grounds, 3-5pm

### Traditions and Repatriation Committee

6/27 - Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm

## June 2011 Department of Language and Culture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Women's Hand Drumming;  Men's Drumming	2	3	4 Youth Council, Beading & Loom Making Class
5	6 Elder's Language Class	7	8 Youth Council, Gardening Day	9 Language Workshop with John Winchester	10	11 Youth Council, Meeting & Movie
12	13 Elder's Language Class Canceled;  Hannaville Immersion Camp;  NCAI Conference	14 Hannaville Immersion Camp;  NCAI Conference	15 Hannaville Immersion Camp;  NCAI Conference	16 Hannaville Immersion Camp;  NCAI Conference	17 Hannaville Immersion Camp	18
19	20 Elder's Language Class	21 Native Healing;  Youth Council, Gardening Day;  Language Workshop	22 Native Healing;  Women's Hand Drumming;  Men's Drumming	23 Native Healing;  Co-ed Sweat Lodge	24 Culture Camp, Session 1 begins	25 Culture Camp, Session 1;  Summer Ceremonies
26 Culture Camp, Session 1 ends & Session 2 begins	27 Culture Camp, Session 2;  Elder's Language Class;  Trad. & Rep. Meeting	28 Culture Camp, Session 2	29 Culture Camp, Session 2	30 Culture Camp, Session 2 ends		

## Students Enjoy First Time Hopkins Enrichment Lab

Twelve students, from third grade up to seniors, joined the first Hopkins Enrichment Lab on Friday April 15. Students worked on a wide range of subject matters, from multiplication to calculus. There were two state-certified teachers on staff to help students with home work. Students came with great expectation and curiosity about the program, and were pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Senior Cassandra Church said, "This is a nice opportunity that the tribe gives to us."

A flash card quiz served as an ice breaker and a fun activity to open the Lab. The student with the most correct answers was awarded a water bottle and other prizes. Junior Collin Church stole the show with his expert math skills. After winning so many rounds, he became the host of the show to give novice math students a chance to win. It was a challenge for senior

Nick Morsaw and Cassandra Church to keep up with third-grader Joslin Wilson. Everyone had a chance to win a prize, and sharpen their multiplication and division skills. We will be rolling out pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, and maybe even some calculus questions next time.

When teachers from the school poked their heads in the class room to see what was going on, they were invited to have a piece of Indian fry bread and Pokagon staff explained the program to them. There are over 20 Native American students just in the Hopkins school district, not to mention the more than 400 citizens in Allegan and Kent county. "We might not be able to reach them all, but we can at least reach some," said Conrad Church, the Pokagon Band's education resource specialist.



Junior Collin Church becomes the host of the math game.



Hopkins Lab students work together.



Senior Cassandra Church takes a snack break.



Third grader Joslin Wilson works hard.



**Please join us Friday, July 8**

**They Graduate. Let's Celebrate.**

Come to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Department of Education Awards Banquet

honoring our

2010 - 2011 High School Graduates

and GED Recipients.

Friday, July 8

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Awards at 8:00 p.m.

Southwestern Michigan College

Mathews Conference Center East

Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center

58900 Cherry Grove Road

Dowagiac, MI

Graduate registration for the program is June 24.

Please return the awards form and newspaper announcement form by June 24.

Contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at

888-330-1234 with any questions and to reserve your spot by June 24.



## Chairman's Column

It has been awhile since my last article, and I apologize for my lack of communication. There has been a tremendous amount of activity lately, and finding the time to write has been a struggle. Things are moving in a positive direction for the Pokagon Band, and I am proud to be a part of it.

**Four Winds Hartford** is ahead of schedule and on budget. We will be opening in late August. If our market studies prove accurate, our return on our investment will only take three years. At that point the Gaming Authority may want to entertain the second phase of expansion and add the addition 500 slot machines. All in all, our timing couldn't be better for our expansion and refinancing. The schedule should be out soon, and I hope you will all share in the festivities and we prepare to open to the general public. There will be a family day so that everyone can tour the new facility and enjoy some good food.

In the month before our opening of Four Winds Hartford, we will be celebrating the opening of our new **community center** on Dailey Road. This is going to be a great addition to our property in the Dowagiac area. I'm hoping this will be the cornerstone of activity at our housing complex. By the time this article reaches your home, the Elders will have had the opportunity to discuss their ideas on further housing projects in Dowagiac, Hartford, and South Bend. As we prepare for growth, this is a great opportunity to hear from those who will benefit most from our attempts to improve service to our citizens.

The **expansion at Four Winds New Buffalo** is moving forward at a very nice pace. The access road and footprint of the new hotel tower are visible. It appears we will finish in Hartford and be very busy at New Buffalo. We are also adding a new on site warehouse that will provide a more secure setting and allow us to be more efficient. There will be more on this in the near future.

The committee continues to meet and discuss ideas on the new cultural center. It seems the location may be changed to where the lodge currently sits. This suggestion makes considerable sense to me and will be more appropriately located near the campsites, cabins, sacred fire pit, and pow wow grounds. The **lodge would then be relocated** near where the old education trailers were located. This will provide for some improved efficiencies for both our operations and ease of access for our citizens. Stay tuned for further developments.

The **refinancing of our debt** is moving in a very positive direction and should be completed by the end of June or middle of July. As a result of our positive history, it appears we are going to be able to go with an all-bank deal as opposed to a bank/bond arrangement. This may not seem like a big deal for some, but this is actually a big plus for us. If we complete an all-bank financing package, it will allow us to immediately begin to pay down debt on the total package as opposed



to paying only interest on the bonds. Paying interest is all we have done, as agreed to in the offering, on the \$283,000,000 we borrowed to build Four Winds. The ability to be debt-free was the first priority in our refinancing. Now we can be debt free in 7-10 years and also increase our stipend payments to our citizens, which was also a priority. Once the refinancing package is complete there will be a citizen meeting so that all the details can be shared with anyone who is interested. We will have the proper people there to explain all the elements of the deal.

I think you all have met our new **Government Manager, Jason Wesaw**. Jason recently retired from the Army and has proven his worth and ability in a short time. The Directors and Council are moving at a steady pace on our vision, values, and guiding principles and our strategic plan and long range goals. I thank Jason for his diligence in keeping everyone on task.

I hope you all had a chance to partake in the **Oshke-Kno-Kwewen Pow Wow** over Memorial Day weekend. It is always a good thing to honor our veterans and what they have done for us. The weekend prior, there was a memorial service for Edward M. Winchester, a private first class in the U.S. Army. Mr. Winchester lost his life in the battle of the Colmar pocket. There is quite a story about this battle, and if you have time I would suggest researching this on the internet to read about it. I think you will be as surprised as I was on the significance of this battle. Some call it the other Battle of the Bulge. It was fought over 15 days in some of the worst winter weather you could image. The U.S. was victorious in this battle, but we lost a Pokagon warrior. It was an honor and privilege for me to say a few words during this service. My thanks again to Mr. Winchester's family for allowing me to speak.

I want to publicly thank Council member **John Warren for his work in Indiana**. John has developed a great working relationship with several of the Lt. Governor's staff. We have met with them in Indianapolis and John has scheduled a meeting and tour of our properties here in Michigan. This is the start of a good relationship and I just want to say thanks to John for all his work and efforts to make this happen.

Lastly, it is that time of year again for the **annual election**. If you are not registered to vote, please do so and then vote when the ballots come out. This is your government, and this is your chance to voice your opinion on what your government is doing. You have heard me on more than one occasion comment that this is the best council I have worked with and I continue to make that statement. Please pay attention and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Until next time, remember, my door is always open and my phone is always on.

## Rogers Lake Campground Gets a New Playground



The crew from the Department of Housing and Facilities puts the finishing touches on the playground they constructed at the Rodgers Lake campground in May.

Four Winds Casino Leadership Courses

The Four Winds Casino, in partnership with the Pokagon Band Tribal Government Human Resources Department, is pleased to announce that it is making leadership development courses available to all tribal citizens.

These are the same courses used by the casino in their development of internal leaders. Now they are making their successful tools available to all tribal citizens, no matter who your employer, or what your employment status is, and they are all free of charge. This is a great opportunity to prepare you to move into your next leadership role and help build those skills by working with a team with a positive track record.

The course offerings are:

- So You Want to Be a Supervisor and Obvious Choice which focus on the supervisory role and what it takes to do an effective job.
- Leadership 1–6 focus on your leadership potential and skills and helping you to develop into an effective leader.

The three classes of “So You Want to Be a Supervisor” and classes 5 and 6 of the Leadership series must be taken in order, but all other classes can be taken whenever offered.

If you are interested in any of these courses, or special events, please contact Chris Freehan, Training Specialist at the Tribal Government offices 269-462-4263 or at [chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

These courses have limited seating and are on a first come/first serve basis. Respond quickly to ensure your seat. Restrictions may apply.



Course Name / Description	Dates/Times Available
<b>BILLY MILLS, Native Motivational Speaker</b>	
Known for winning the gold medal in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Olympics, Mills is still the only American to ever win a gold medal in that event. Billy Mills is a Lakota native who was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In 1984, Mills’ life was made into a major motion picture, Running Brave, and he is the author of <i>Your Personal Journey to Happiness and Self-Understanding</i> , which blends traditional Native American beliefs with modern positive thinking principles.	Thursday, June 16, 10am–Noon Thursday, June 16, 2–4:00pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication &amp; Cooperation”</b>	
This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.	Wednesday, May 25, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 2 – “DiSC Profile”</b>	
Participants take the DiSC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.	Thursday, June 30, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”</b>	
Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.	Thursday, May 19, 2–4:00pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching &amp; Listening”</b>	
Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A five-step coaching model is presented.	Wednesday, June 1, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”</b>	
Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.	Thursday, June 9, 2–4:00pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse &amp; Rider”</b>	
In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.	Wednesday, June 22, 9:30–11:30am (you must complete LEADERSHIP 5 before taking this class)

Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.



## Elders Council Business Meeting

May 5, 2011

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jeanette Mollett, 11:10 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne “Petey” Boehm, P, Lynn Davidson, A.

**AGENDA:** Matt Myers is the Community Resource Officer with the Pokagon Band Tribal Police. Matt gave a talk on safety issues. A list of medications should be kept on you, medications at home should be kept in a secure area, credit card numbers should be kept in a backup location, do not discuss your credit card number over the phone with anybody. He also talked about keeping your phone and emergency numbers in a handy place, in a dire emergency 911 should be called. Many other issues were discussed; feel free to call him if you have any questions. Petey has information on the gathering.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Members would like to invite Mr. Culpepper, Director of I.H.S. to attend our June meeting.

A letter is to be sent to the Chairperson of the MIEA conference concerning the the April meeting.

We were informed that a new roof will be put on Elders Hall, and the inside ceiling will be repaired.

Jim Coleman, Housing Director has called a meeting for May 23, to discuss Elder Housing. The meeting will be held at either the Dowagiac Middle School or at SMC. Time is 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served.

**MINUTES:** The April minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jeanette moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ken, supported, (5) yes, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Gun Lake trip is planned for May 16. You are responsible for your own transportation. Lunch will be provided but no mileage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The deadline for picking up the Elders jackets at Elders Hall is May 27, 5:00 p.m., if the jackets are not picked up by then, they will be sold.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 a.m.
- Basket making will be held May 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Clothes swap, May 19.
- Women’s Health Fair is May 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** Jackie Genereaux, Paul Jackson, John White, Shirley Sigfrids, Mary Ruple, Gus Gwilt.

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES:** Art & Faye Magnuson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (5) yes, adjourned at 12:08.

## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

**New Time  
10-12**

### Dates:

Every Monday  
June 6, 2011

June 13, 2011 - No Class  
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)  
June 20, 2011  
June 27, 2011

### Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project’s resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



### Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, *Director of Language & Culture*  
(269) 462-4296 • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## June & July

### Dates:

Tuesday - Thursday  
June 21-23, 2011

Monday - Wednesday  
July 18-20, 2011

### Individual Appt. Times:

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Co-ed Sweat Lodge:

Thursday, June 23, 2011  
Wednesday, July 20, 2011

### Location:

Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Visiting with Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language and Culture



## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). On the last night of his visit, Jake will wrap-up with a co-ed sweat lodge at 6:00 pm (see side panel for sweat lodge dates).



### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*  
Office: (269) 462-4261 • E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

# NOTICE

## SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This *Notice* shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes Tribal Council Lodge, Pokagon Band Police Department, Office of General Counsel, Administration Building, Department of Social Services, Commodities Building, Housing Department, Education Department, Indian Health Services Department, Enrollment Department, Information Technology Department, Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall, Pokagon Band Head Start facilities and Tribal Courthouse.

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**START DATE:** June 1, 2011

**END DATE:** June 30, 2011

**TITLE:** Chapter 3: “Court Rules for Civil Infractions”

**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules for the Tribal courts of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is to establish rules of procedure for civil infractions before the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court. This Chapter provides for a process customized for civil infractions in contrast to the Rules being drafted for general civil suits.

**TRIBAL COURT CONTACT INFO:** Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse  
58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Phone: (269) 783-0505  
Fax: (269) 783-0519  
E-mail: [stephen.rambeaux@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:stephen.rambeaux@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **A COPY OF THE NOTICE AND THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES ARE POSTED AND MAY BE OBTAINED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE.**
2. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the “End Date” specified within this *Notice* to be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals.

### Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.



Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717  
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE Meal Service Begins at 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Please Note: Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank-you.</b>	Eating a nutritious breakfast every morning gives children and adults the fuel to focus and get things done	<b>1</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Roll	<b>2 Business</b> GGrilled Chicken Baked Potato Broccoli Garden Salad Birthday Cake	<b>3</b> L.S. Brats with Whole Wheat Bun Sauerkraut Veggie Tray Fruit Salad
<b>6 Language</b> Grilled Pork Chop Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Cucumber Salad Roll	<b>7</b> Buffalo Tacos W/ Cheese, Beans, Tomato, Lettuce, and Onion Flour or Corn Tortilla Melon Salad	<b>8</b> Pea Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Assorted Breads Relish Tray	<b>9</b> Beef Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Coleslaw Strawberries/Roll	<b>10</b> Sea Bass Black Beans and Rice Tri-Blend Vegetables Garden Salad Cherry Crisp
<b>13 Language</b> Ham Slices W/ Pineapple Au Gratin Potatoes Green Beans Tomato Salad Roll	<b>14</b> Grilled Beef Shish Ki Bob W/ Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Squash, Green Peppers, and Zucchini Steak Potato Fries Jell-O W/ Fruit, Roll	<b>15</b> Louisiana Jambalaya Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cornbread	<b>16 Social</b> Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas and Carrots Tomato Salad Lemon Meringue Pie, Roll	<b>17</b> Vegetarian Lasagna Garden Salad Garlic Bread Frozen Fruit Bar
<b>20 Language</b> Pizza Day Tossed Salad Cottage Cheese Peaches	<b>21</b> Grilled Burgers and Turkey Dogs Whole Wheat Buns Baked Beans/ Red Cabbage Slaw Assorted Relish Tray Watermelon	<b>22</b> Pork Roast Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Waldorf Salad Roll	<b>23</b> Buffalo W/ Broccoli and Carrots Stir Fry Brown Rice Garden Salad Berries, Roll	<b>24</b> Tomato Soup Tuna Macaroni Salad Relish Tray Banana Pudding
<b>27 Language</b> Potato Soup Low Sodium Turkey Sandwich Assorted Breads Relish and Veggie Tray Yogurt W/ Fruit	<b>28</b> Swiss Steak W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Spinach Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit Roll	<b>29</b> Chicken Parmesan over noodles Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots Garden Salad Garlic Bread Pudding Cup	<b>30</b> Salmon Patty Baked Potato Wedges Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Oatmeal Cookie	<b>Note:</b> Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Notice To Tribal Citizens

Effective as of May 7, 2011, your Pokagon Gaming Authority has arranged for all Tribal Citizens to receive a 50 percent discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo and Four Winds Hartford restaurants. The discount is for food only, and does not include alcoholic beverages. You must be 21 years of age and have a Tribal ID with photo, or a Tribal ID with a Driver’s License or State ID with a photo. Each cardholder is permitted up to six guests to all outlets, with the exception of The Buffet, which allows unlimited guests. Reservations will be based on availability and will be reserved for casino guests on weekends, holidays and high volume marketing event days.

One bill for the entire party will be collected at the time of the visit. (Sorry, no exceptions.)

The following is a listing of the restaurants where the 50 percent discount is available:



- **The Buffet** Minors are welcome accompanied by a parent or legal guardian 21 years of age.
- **Willowbrook Café** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Copper Rock Steakhouse** Reservation required. Maximum party of 6. Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers Hartford** Must be 21 to enter.

The Pokagon Gaming Authority and Four Winds staff is very excited to be able to implement this discount for its Tribal Citizens.

Pokagon Gaming Authority

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 7 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 10:00 am
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 14 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 20 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 21 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 27 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 28 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 30 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 1:00 –4:00pm

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



## Wage and Salary Commission Studying Compensation Issues Recommendations Expected in July

### By Jennifer Dougherty

The Wage and Salary Commission is an independent board responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels of the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges and other appointed officials. Its mission is to create standards and procedures for establishing just compensation for Band officials, based on the guiding principle that such compensation should accurately reflect the value of such positions in the marketplace. Members of the commission, profiled below, meet for ten to 15 hours each month to prepare their recommendations.

#### Jim Topash, Chairman

Jim Topash was appointed to the commission and served as the chair in 2009 to fulfill a position until the next election cycle. In July 2010, Jim was elected to a three-year term. Prior to his appointment to the Salary Commission, Jim ran for the opening of tribal chairman in 2009.

Jim brings 25 years of supervisory, management, and executive experience to the commission. He has experience

in the fields of health care, higher education, banking and gaming, and has served as an instructor in business and allied health divisions for Northwestern Michigan College. He has a master's degree in information systems management and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State, and a bachelor's in business management from Northwestern Michigan College. Additionally, Jim is licensed in the state of Michigan as an emergency medical technician at the specialist level, and he is licensed as an insurance agent for life, health and accident. Jim is currently studying to become a licensed investment advisor.

"I decided to become re-involved with tribal affairs so that I could bring my business, financial and education knowledge and experience to help our tribal citizens as we go through these dynamic and changing times," said Topash. "I hope to bring an objective and fiscally prudent voice for today and for our bright future."

#### Elizabeth Glowacki, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Glowacki is the vice chair of the Salary Commission. Liz is the

granddaughter of the late Leonard and Mary Church, is married to David Glowacki, and has two children, Justin and Echo. For the past three years, Liz has been a preschool teacher for the Kent County Head Start program. Prior to that position, she ran a childcare business out of her home and attended Grand Rapids Community College. She holds an associate's degree in child development and is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in business from Grand Valley State University.

Liz became interested in a position on the Salary Commission because it would allow her to make a positive difference for the tribe. "I have found it rewarding to see the direction our tribe is moving with the leadership of the Tribal Council," stated Liz. "I have learned there is plenty of work involved with managing a tribe of more than 4000 citizens. With the number of citizens increasing as well as expanding development and social services, the task is only going to become more difficult." She believes that an adequately paid Tribal Council can focus on running the tribe more efficiently and work toward improving the tribal community.

### Chris Ballew

Chris Ballew, son of Elizabeth Ballew, comes from a large family of 12 children. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Edwardsburg, Michigan where he has owned and operated his business as a landscape contractor for over 20 years. Chris enjoys attending language classes, men's talking circle and sweat lodge ceremonies in his spare time. During the summer, he frequently dances at traditional pow wows as a Pokagon Band veteran. "I try to live in a traditional way in all of my thoughts and actions," said Chris.

Chris joined the Salary Commission so that he could help to develop an appropriate compensation plan for the Tribal Council and judicial staff. "I believe that our tribal leadership should have the ability to give more than 100 percent of their attention to tribal citizens and their needs," states Chris. "I believe that appropriate compensation will help to attract well educated and culturally-sensitive tribal leaders."

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



#### Dates:

Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011  
Wednesday, July 6, 2011  
Wednesday, July 27, 2011

#### Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

#### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

#### Contact Information:

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Office: (269) 462-4261



## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

### Native Nations Youth Council

Gearing up for the junior and senior youth council's July elections, the Department of Language and Culture will be hosting four activities this month to give the youth a chance to get to know each other.

**Beading and Loom Making Class**— This class will provide an opportunity to learn how to bead or how to build a loom.

**Meeting & Movie**— We will discuss previous activities and accept final Youth Council candidacy declarations for E-Board. The meeting will be followed by a Native-themed movie and snacks.

**Gardening Day**— We will begin gardening this month. Planting and caring for the garden will be a great way to stay active this summer and learn about gardening techniques. Later in the summer the produce will be sold as a fundraiser.

### June

⇒ Saturday, June 4th, 1-4 p.m.

**Beading & Loom Making Class**  
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office

⇒ Wednesday, June 8th, 3-5 p.m.

**The First Youth Council Gardening Day of the Summer**  
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office Grounds

⇒ Saturday, June 11th, 1-4 p.m.

**Meeting & Movie**  
Location: Administration Building  
Finance Conference Room

⇒ Tuesday, June 21st, 3-5 p.m.

**The Second Youth Council Gardening Day of the Summer**  
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office Grounds

Location Addresses:  
Department of Language and Culture Office  
34124 Edwards Street, Dowagiac MI, 49047  
Administration Building  
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI, 49047

#### Contact Information

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Elders Council Directory

Elders Hall 800-859-2717 or 269-782-1696

Jean Mollett, Chair 269-463-5355	Clarence White, Treasurer 269-876-1118
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Enrollment 58620 Sink Rd. 269-782-1763 / FAX 269-782-1964	Tribal Council 58620 Sink Rd. 269-782-6323 / Toll Free 888-376-9988 FAX 269-782-9625
Finance 58620 Sink Rd. 269-782-8998 / Toll Free 888-517-0777 FAX 269-782-1028	Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd. 269-783-0505 / FAX 269-783-0519
Head Start 58620 Sink Rd. 269-783-0026/ 866-250-6573 FA 269-782-9795	Tribal Police 58155 M-51 South 269-782-2232 / Toll Free 866-399-0161 FAX 269-782-7988

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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



June announcements

Happy 21st birthday **Kyle Malott**, June 23. We are so very proud of you.

We love you, Mom, Don and Karli



Happy 13th Birthday,  
**Ronald Dale Heffington Jr.**

Happy 21st Birthday, **Ceaiara**! We Love Ya Bunches!



Happy 16th Birthday, **Nicole Renae Harjer**! Congratulations on your excellent report card, your new job and new car! Be safe, my child, and have fun!  
Love, Mom and Dad

**Devan Marie Rider** graduated with honors from St. Petersburg College in Florida on May 7and received her bachelor's of science in education. We are very proud of you, and wish you success with your teaching career! Good luck in the fall as you pursue your master's in speech pathology. We love you,  
Gary & Janet Rider and siblings Derek and Deanna



**O'KEEFE - CUSHWAY - GIBSON FAMILY REUNION**

July 9, 2011 3:00 p.m.  
Rodgers Lake, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan  
Camping is available if you wish. Please bring a dish to pass, and any family tree information you may have.  
Contact info: Carol Martin 269-845-2124.  
Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday **Madison Tucker**!  
Two years old and so beautiful, you are!  
With love and spirit,  
Grandma Colleen & Grandpa Craig

Happy Birthday June 8 to **Phillip Deuel Jr.**, my son, whom I'm very proud of, for the man he grew up to be.  
Love you,  
Mom



**Abagael Lola Dean & Michael Warren Tucker** are pleased to announce their engagement. They will be married June 23, 2012 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Abagael is the daughter of Dr. Robert C. Shaver & Mary-Louise Dean, Whitefish Bay Wisconsin, and Louisville, Kentucky. Michael is a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the son of Keith W. Tucker & Colleen M. Martin, Menomonee Falls ww& Whitefish Bay.

Happy 40th Birthday June 2 to my niece **Terri Andrews**. You are terrific!  
Happy Birthday June 9 to my nephew **Craig Andrews**. Enjoy your day!  
Happy Birthday June 15 to my niece **Tracy Andrews**. Have a blast!  
Love you, Aunt Mart

Happy Birthday June 20 to **William Sigfrids**, a terrific brother-in-law!  
Love you, Martha

Happy Birthday June 2 to our wonderful daughter, **Terri Lynn Andrews**. Have a super day!  
Love from your Mom and Dad



Congratulations Alison Grigonis for passing the California bar exam. You are a real lawyer now! Proud mother Karen Grigonis, grandparents Arthur and Faye Magnuson, and the rest of the Magnuson tribe

Happy 7th Birthday, **Allison Anne Warner**

Happy 1st Birthday, **Jackson Scott Warner**

Pokagon Band Department of Education  
K-12 Program's "Let's try it!" Series

G'ga-ketgémen. (Let's Plant.)

Join us as we get timely tips and hints about planting and growing. You will plant your own container to take home with you. We will finish with a fun game of lacrosse!

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 4  
1:00-3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Tribal Lodge Pavilion  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

An invitation to Pokagon and JOM children and their families.  
To hold your spot call Connie Baber at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

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Seedling photo by Samuel Goldstein





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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July 2011

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## Strong Work Ethic Runs Deep in the Edwards Family

By Jennifer Dougherty

One might believe that a person running three successful businesses must require superpowers and a cape. But the secret to success for tribal citizen Glenda Edwards and her husband, Neal, is dedication and hard work. The Edwards own and operate two drive-in theaters, a consulting business, and a cattle farm.

Glenda and Neal own two of the eight remaining drive-in theaters in the state of Michigan. They have owned the Sunset Drive-in located in Hartford since 2003, and the Five Mile Drive-in in Dowagiac since 2006. With big summer blockbuster movies hitting theaters soon, they are anticipating an increase in business.

The drive-in theaters attract more than just local clientele. "Our Hartford location draws people from the Grand Rapids area, and we get quite a few customers from the Chicago area visiting our theater in Dowagiac," said Glenda. Customers like the quaint atmosphere and the opportunity to experience a bit of history.

Another feature that attracts people to the drive-in is the pricing. "We are one of the few drive-ins left in the country that still charges customers by the carload," said Glenda. "At \$14 per carload, it is an inexpensive way for a family to get out and see a movie." Additionally, the concessions are sold at a much lower price than competitors.

Glenda and Neal are hopeful that the new Four Winds Hartford will bring additional business to their theater. "We are almost directly across the street from the casino," said Glenda. "The increase in traffic will give us added exposure that will hopefully translate into new customers."

The theaters employ 25 people that are moved between both locations depending on needs. Neal Edwards runs the Five Mile in Dowagiac, and eight to ten additional family members work various jobs. Glenda's brother, Steve Wilson, is manager and projectionist and does all of the film



Sunset Drive-in, almost ready for show time.

work at both locations. Three of their four children also work for the theaters. Lisa Edwards is responsible for booking and ordering films, reporting to movie companies, and ordering food and supplies for both locations. Their son, Neal Edwards, manages ticket sales and parking. Loretta Edwards sells concessions at the theater when she is not at her other job as the assistant property manager at Four Winds Hartford. Other family members work in the kitchen and sell concessions. Even their grandchildren, five-year-old Maggie and four-year old Fisher, have inherited spirit of entrepreneurship as they help out at the theater and even sell glow sticks to earn money.

Val Janowski, the lead for the tribe's Financial Empowerment Program, emphasizes the importance of the tribal community supporting tribal citizen-owned businesses. "It's critical that Native communities begin to re-circulate more of the money that they spend within their own communities. The benefits of doing so are numerous—financial self-sufficiency for tribal citizen-entrepreneurs,

Neal Edwards, ticket sales manager, and his family at Sunset Drive-in.



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## Band's Financial Audit Shows Government in Good Financial Order

By Paige Risser

At the end of May the Pokagon Band received the results of an independent financial audit conducted by McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, a licensed CPA firm providing assurance services.

"It's a good practice to invite an outside agency to annually examine financial transactions and records," says Anita Grivins, the Band's finance director. It helps institutions make good planning decisions for future spending. Additionally, the federal agencies that grant the Band funds and loans also require an annual audit to stay in compliance with their regulations.

According to McGladrey & Pullen partner Corey Topp, having an audit conducted by an independent certified

public accounting firm provides a third-party opinion as to whether that the Band's management is spending the federal funds within the requirements established by the federal agencies. Topp and his team of auditors noted that the Band increased its investments in land, buildings and equipment in fiscal year 2009–2010 by utilizing both its cash and investments, along with some borrowing, to acquire the assets.

"The amount of Band assets grew at a greater rate than what the Band owes," said Topp.

"Those assets will benefit the Band, and allow the tribal government to provide services to citizens for several years in the future," said Grivins.

"The Pokagon Band continued to

improve its financial shape over the past fiscal year. For tribal government staff members who know the details of the Band's finances and day-to-day operations, and for its citizens, it's gratifying to know that our resources are well-managed and healthy," said Grivins.

McGladrey & Pullen's team of auditors spent three weeks at the administration building working with the Band's finance department. Up to five staffers were on-site at one time during those weeks. McGladrey & Pullen serves many diverse institutions, including Four Winds Casino Resort, along with other tribal and public government entities.



## Pokagon Band hosts Officials from Indiana's Lieutenant Governor's Office

On June 6 members of the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and government staff hosted three representatives from the office of Indiana Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. The group discussed ways to build partnerships and increase communication between the tribal and Indiana state governments, and introduced the visitors to Band lands, facilities, programs and services.



Above, the visitors stop by the Pokegnek Edawat home of Angela and Lawrence Manfredine.



In the photo above, Virgil Madden, second from left and policy advisor to the lieutenant governor, and Brandon Seitz, second from right and director of energy and defense development, present limestone sculptures in the shape of the state of Indiana to (left to right) Council member John Warren, Elders Council Chair Jeannette Molette, Council Chair Matthew Wesaw, Elders Council member Ken Rader and Council Interim Treasurer Tom Topash.

### Strong Work Ethic, *continued*

increased employment opportunities and greater self-esteem for tribal citizens who might be employed by such businesses and less dependence on tribal services to name a few.

"Too often money millions of dollars in purchased goods and services in effect "leak" out of Native communities throughout the country, missing countless opportunities to support and empower tribal-citizen entrepreneurs."

In addition to their drive-in businesses, Glenda runs E-Management, a consulting firm that works with a California firm to put statewide initiatives on the ballot. "We started working on this back when [Michigan Governor] Engler was in office," explained Glenda. "We have been consulting for about 16 years."

Since 1992, Glenda has worked on initiatives relating to cut and cap on property taxes, stem cells, the right to carry a concealed weapon, casino gaming for three Detroit casinos, and most recently to repeal the small business tax in Michigan. Glenda has also worked on statewide and grassroots projects for nine other states and has worked on ballot placement for candidates like Bob Dole, Steve Forbes, Jennifer Granholm and Ron Paul.

Her busiest season for consulting comes

around election times, but she has been busy during the summer as well for the past couple of years. Glenda currently flies to Seattle on Monday mornings for her current project and then returns to work at the drive-ins on the weekends. She is looking forward to an upcoming project starting in July that is based out of Michigan so that she can be at home for the remainder of the summer.

Glenda and Neal reside on a farm in Paw Paw, Michigan where they also run a farm. "We raise 22 cattle, and we sell them to individuals," said Glenda. "We have been farming since 1994."

Managing three businesses is a balancing act that the Edwards have down to a science. "We seem to work full-time at all three, but Neal does most of the farming, I do most of the E-Management projects, and we work equally at the drive-ins," explains Glenda. While they are always very busy during the summer months, they always set aside time in the winter for a very long, well-deserved vacation.

Pokagon Band offers a variety of business development services, including the promotion of tribal citizen-owned businesses by featuring one per month in this newspaper. Val can be contacted at 269 462-4255 or Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Above, DNR director Mark Parrish and housing director Jim Coleman show the group around the nearly-finished, LEED-certified community center at Pokegnek Edawat.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Pokagon Interns Learn about Tribal Government at NCAI Mid-Year Conference

By Jennifer Dougherty

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held their Mid-Year Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 13 through June 16, and the Pokagon Band was well represented at the convention. Twelve Pokagon interns were invited to experience tribal government firsthand.

“This conference was a great experience for our interns,” said Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, who accompanied the interns. “For some, it not only was their first time at a national Indian conference, but it was their first real exposure to the tribe.”

The conference provided an opportunity to learn about Indian policy at a national level. They learned about the value of a unified voice and cooperation between different tribes. Rick Roach, who is currently an intern in the security department at Four Winds Casino, is grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the Pokagon Band and Native Americans on a larger scale.

“This was my first time attending an NCAI event,” explained Rick. Overall, he found the experience to be educational, and was somewhat surprised by the politics. “I never knew about the problems that tribes have with other tribes,” said Rick. “For example, there are tribes that are trying to block other state recognized tribes from joining NCAI.”

“It was wonderful to see Chairman Wesaw in such an influential position as the secretary of the NCAI Executive Board,” said Magnuson. “It is great to have the Pokagons involved at the national government level.” Heather Farver, an intern with the Pokagon Band Human Resources Department, serves as treasurer of the NCAI Youth Council.

Magnuson believes that the conference provided a positive experience for the interns, and she hopes that it will lead to future tribal involvement. The interns were able to attend sessions focusing on topics pertaining to their areas of study. Topics included suicide prevention, Boys & Girls Clubs, and youth commissions.

Jessica Christner, Tribal Development Program Director at Four Winds Casino also attended the conference, and the words of speaker Larry Echohawk resonated with her. “Native Americans don’t have a lot of sponsorship in the House and Senate at the state or federal level,” said Christner. “We might be focusing on just our tribe, but we need to work together at the national level to bring about change and gain greater representation.”

Magnuson was proud of the Pokagon’s involvement at attendance at the conference. “Members of other tribes were very impressed by the number of interns from the Pokagon Band,” stated Magnuson. “Tribes with a higher per capita have a difficult time attracting tribal members to take advantage of internship opportunities.” Because of their affluence due to casino profits, they may not feel the need to go to college.

NCAI, founded in 1944, works to inform the public and Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives.



See more online at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)

## Band Buses Ready to Roll

The Pokagon Band is now the owner of two buses, thanks to an Indian transportation grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The buses, which will be custom built locally by the Holland Bus Company from Holland, Michigan, should arrive mid-to-late summer. One bus seats 18 passengers, two of which can be in wheel chairs, and the other holds 34, with two wheel chair spaces. The buses will be universally accessible with lifts and extra large bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs, and will feature upgraded seating and amenities for longer trips.



At right, the twelve Pokagon Band interns who attended the NCAI conference pose with Tribal Council Chair Matthew Wesaw and hoop dancer Thirza Dufoe.



## Womens Health Fair Raises Awareness

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

On Saturday May 21, 41 women attended the 16th annual Women's Health Fair at the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services.

The health fair started off with a water ceremony performed by Majel Demarsh and Peggy McNew. Organizers offered such screenings as hearing exams provided by Darr & Associates, vital signs, body composition analysis and measurements, foot exams, hemoglobin A1C, glucose readings, and a cardiac screening questionnaire. In addition, attendees enjoyed participating in wellness activities such as: massage therapy, paraffin hand wax, manicures, haircuts, a meal of bison vegetable soup, and a goodie bag filled with educational and fun items.

We encourage women to read the material they received at the fair, share what they learned with family and friends, follow up with their primary care doctor, exercise more, and eat healthier.

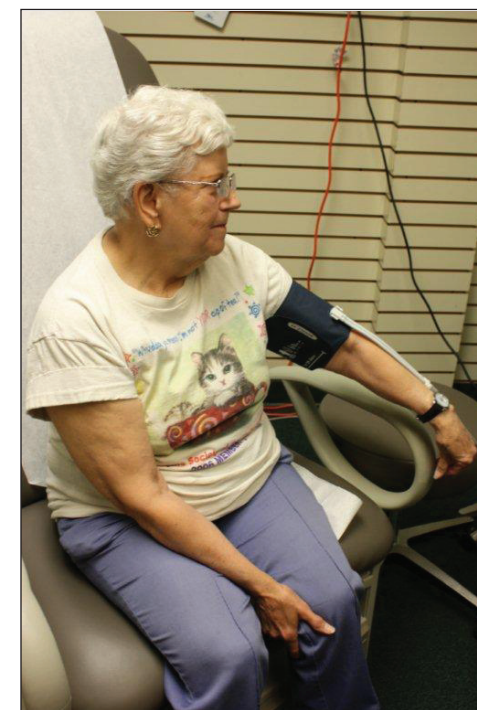
The grand prize winner of the Four Winds Casino Resort gift card was

Jill Byrnett, Audrey Houston won the Pendleton blanket, and Kittie Collett won the Kindle. Twenty-six other women won other such giveaways as tote bags, t-shirts, dream catchers, hair pieces, jewelry, an umbrella, and a watch set.

A special thank you to all of the women who attended this year's event. We would like to thank Majel DeMarsh and Peggy McNew for performing the water ceremony, Four Winds for prize donations, Majel DeMarsh for volunteering at the diabetes booth, Linda Topash Yazel for the beaded barrette, and Anita Morales for the hair piece with earrings, two dream catchers, and three Native cards. We're grateful to Darr & Associates for their time away from home to perform the hearing screenings. We appreciate all of the DOHS staff that participated to make the health fair possible, Jackie Genereaux for volunteering to meet and greet the women on arrival, the massage therapists, hair stylists, manicurist, and all of the other vendors that participated in the Women's Health Fair.



Majel DeMarsh talks to attendees of the annual Women's Health Fair about diabetes prevention. Waneta Skipper has her blood pressure checked.



## Hartford Community Center Available to Pokagons

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

Have you heard of HIS Place in Hartford, Michigan? It is a community center located at 15 South Maple Street. This center has an open gym area and a weight room with exercise equipment available for use. It also offers exercise classes like Zumba, dance, and yoga.

The Pokagon Band helped purchase the equipment in the weight room with a grant, and the center is available for the tribal community to enjoy. This will hopefully get more area citizens involved in physical activity. Most activities are free of charge or at a discounted rate. We are working closely with the gym to post updates of the center's monthly events in Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

The gym area and the weight room are open to the public and free of charge. Current hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The facility is closed on Saturday and Sunday. Please note hours change from summer to winter months, and the center will be closing down in July for several weeks for renovation. It will be best during the month of July to call ahead to be sure they are open.

Starting in September classes will resume, so keep an eye this space for updates on available classes, schedules, and prices. You can contact HIS Place directly at 269-621-2144 with any questions, or contact me at 269-782-4141 ext. 225 and I will try to answer your questions. We hope that area citizens will take advantage of this community center to increase your physical activity and improve your health.

## Inaugural After-school Activity Program Wraps Up

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

Staff from the community health program wrapped up the after-school children's activity series on May 11. Nine kids between the ages of 7–17 participated in the activities. Participants played kick ball and basketball, roller skated, went swimming and bowling, enjoyed free play and other playground activities, and took nature walks.

We also provided the kids with a short educational section at the beginning of each class on topics covering diabetes, the importance of enough physical activity, appropriate serving sizes, and making healthy food choices. When the group discussed diabetes, one of the kids said, "I didn't know that you could go blind from diabetes," showing how important it is to talk about wellness.

Through the 12-week period Samantha May attended all 12 classes, so she was the winner of the Nintendo Wii with the Wii Fit bundle. At the final class we asked attendees how they liked the program; one said, "this was the funnest class I've ever been in." Another commented that he couldn't wait until we had another program.

The buzz is that everyone had lots of fun. We are re-evaluating the activity series, and will be developing future programs that promote health education and physical activity in Pokagon youths' lives.



Youth participating in the after-school activity series take a break from swimming to pose for a photo.



## Chairman Wesaw Joins Launch of *Let's Move! in Indian Country*

On May 25 First Lady Michelle Obama's office launched the American Indian and Alaska Native initiative of the First Lady's prominent Let's Move program: *Let's Move! in Indian Country*. Pokagon Tribal Council Chair Matthew Wesaw joined representatives of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to attend the kick off event on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin.

"Given the health profile of Native youth, we're glad the First Lady is working to energize a generation of tribal youth to connect to their traditional ways of healthy living," said Chairman Wesaw. "When it comes to staying healthy, Native youth face more challenges and obstacles than most. We hope Let's Move reaches out to provide solutions for our young people."

According to the Indian Health Service, the obesity rate among American Indian and Alaska Native youth is approaching 50 percent, twice as high as their white counterparts; and 20 percent of American Indians ages 15 years or older had pre-diabetes in 2001-2004. American Indian/Alaska Native



adults are nearly two times as likely to be obese as their white counterparts. American Indian/Alaska Native adults are more than twice likely as white adults to be diagnosed with diabetes.

Chairman Wesaw, who is NCAI's recording secretary, joined Assistant Secretary of the Interior Larry Echo Hawk and Office of the First Lady, Executive Director of Let's Move! Initiative Robin Schepper, USDA Deputy Administrator for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Lisa Pino, IHS

Director for Improving Patient Care Program Lyle A. Ignace, M.D., M.P.H., and Menominee Tribal Chairman Randal Chevalier to launch *Let's Move! in Indian Country*.

According to First Lady's Let's Move Office, the agencies, tribes, urban Indian centers, community organizations, and other stakeholders have set four main goals for the program in Indian country: (1) create a healthy start on life for children; (2) create healthier learning communities; (3) ensure families access to healthy, affordable, traditional food;



The First Lady and Native youth work together on June 3 to plant the Three Sisters: corn, beans and squash, at the White House kitchen garden. Photos © NCAI

(4) and, increase opportunities for physical activity. In addition to being a federal interagency initiative, *Let's Move! in Indian Country* outlines ways for tribal governments, schools, the private sector, and non-profits to engage in this effort. *Let's Move! in Indian Country* sets the framework for each of these sectors to come together and contribute to the common goal of ending obesity within a generation.



See more online at [www.doi.gov/letsmove/indiancountry/index.cfm](http://www.doi.gov/letsmove/indiancountry/index.cfm)

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



### Dates:

Wednesday, July 6, 2011  
Wednesday, July 27, 2011  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011  
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

### Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Office: (269) 462-4261



### What's With The Arrowhead?

Soon the Pokagon Band will be launching a newly-redesigned website with easier navigation, photos and updated features to better connect you to the tribal government. Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime, look for this arrowhead icon, designed by Justin Johnson, tribal citizen and a summer intern with the Department of Communications, to lead you from printed stories in the newsletter to more information online via [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov) and beyond!



## Take Safety on Your Pow Wow Picnic

**By Susan Gundersen, community health nutritionist**

The summer months bring sunny days, hot temperatures and opportunities for fellowship and picnicking at pow wows and gatherings. Don't let a foodborne illness be an uninvited guest spoiling those good time activities. Remember to think safety when preparing, storing, and serving the delicious foods that bring nourishment and pleasure to you, your family, and friends.

Reasons good foods go bad and can be hazardous to your health include:

- Some foods receive a lot of handling during preparation such as potato or macaroni salad, shaping hamburger patties, making sandwiches, and even cutting up fruit. Handling increases the risk of bacterial contamination.
  - Food is not cooled rapidly after cooking. If you precook a food in large quantities they must be cooled rapidly by small batching and refrigerating immediately, so harmful bacteria do not grow. If it is served cold it should be 40 degrees or lower. If it is served hot it must be held hotter than 140 degrees.
  - The danger zone for bacterial growth is 40-140 degrees. The longer food sits out, bacteria multiply rapidly and foodborne illness can result.
- How can picnic foods be kept safe? Follow these guidelines to help make your picnic risk free:
- Wash hands and work surfaces before making your recipes. Use clean utensils and containers.
  - Do not prepare foods more than one day before you picnic unless you plan to freeze it. Over 67% foodborne illnesses are due to improper cooling.
  - Mayonnaise-based foods need to be kept cold. Mayonnaise alone is too acidic for bacteria to grow in it. But when mixed with other foods that have been handled a lot or are protein foods, bacteria grow when kept too warm.
  - Wash any fruit, including melons before cutting and keep them cold. Melons are not acidic enough to stop the growth of harmful bacteria.
  - Pack for safety. Keep cold food cold, and hot food hot.
  - Do not store food in the car trunk. Travel with food in side the air-conditioned car.
  - Pack plenty of utensils and dishware to avoid cross contamination with raw and cooked foods. Consider using disposable.
  - When cooking at your picnic site, use the same safe handling rules that you do in your home.
  - Thoroughly cook food. Do not cook partially and then finish it off later.
  - Keep food covered to protect contamination by insects that may carry harmful bacteria or viruses.
  - Leftovers held out longer than an hour should be thrown out. If the ice in the cooler has melted to water throw out that food also as cold water cannot keep foods cold enough to be safe.

Eat and enjoy knowing that your safe food handling practices will make your summer events the healthiest and most nourishing ever. Questions? Call 888-440-1234 and ask for Susan, community health nutritionist.

## Veterans Plan Memorial Service for Fallen WWII Pokagon Soldier



Photos by John Eby

Edward Winchester died serving his country during World War II, and was buried in Epinal, France. But Saturday, May 21, his family and friends remembered him and commemorated his sacrifice in his homeland at a memorial ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery, near Sister Lakes, in Dowagiac.

Organized by the Pokagon Ogitchedaw Veterans Committee, the service included placing a stone cross near his family's plot. Tribal leaders conducted a pipe ceremony at the site, and offered hand drum songs.

"Once we're gone, no one will know his story," said Gordon "Gus" Gwilt, Winchester's half-brother. "With this stone cross, people will know who he was and what he did."

Above left, Chairman Wesaw speaks at the service. At right, Vice-chairman Butch Starrett and members of the Ogitchedaw committee present the community Eagle Staff and the flags of the branches of service.





The community again honored the Eagle Staff and their veterans at the **Second Annual Oshke Kno Kewewen Pow Wow** Memorial Day weekend. This year college graduates were given their blankets during the pow wow. Above, Tribal Council members gift a Pokagon college graduate with her blanket, and all the graduates and their families dance in the arena following the gifting.

17th Annual  
**Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation**

E Bodewadmiygo eshe ngotwek gkiyownan - ezhe bmadziygo i Gbodewadmimnan  
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**August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2011**

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For Information: Contact  
 Gathering Coordinator  
 Gloria Wandahsega  
 (906) 723-2624






Department of Education Updates and Announcements

Keep Students’ Minds Sharp Over the Summer

Teachers may typically spend four to five weeks in the fall not only getting to know their new class, but helping them to remember what skills and knowledge they lost over the summer. The decline in the newly-acquired skills can be such a setback; wouldn’t it be great to change that pattern, especially with your child?

Not all parents, grandparents, or guardians have access to the resources to help their students. The Department of Education’s K–12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer to meet the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills growing, not shrinking, during these warm months. Please call us with your child’s name, address, and grade entering in the fall. If there is a portion that is difficult, come on in to the office or give us a call; we would love to help.

When your child completes the book, either bring it back to us or ask his or her teacher in the fall to sign the brief form we will include, verifying the work done. We will have a surprise for each child who completes a book.

Studies have shown that at least fifty percent of students would rather be doing something learning-oriented during their summer break. Call Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887.

Summer Tutoring Made Available

Just a reminder the Department of Education has limited offerings for summer tutoring; please call our office for more details: 269-782-0887.

2011 Summer Enrichment Program Still Open

We still have funding available for Pokagon children entering grades 7 – 12 this fall. If you have not taken advantage of this program, you still have time. Or if you have sent in your application but are missing information that we need for payment, you have until September to get it to us.

This is a great summer program that can provide up to \$500 from the tribe to have an experience of a lifetime. Please call Connie 269-782-0887 with questions or to get an application.

Attention Pokagon College Students

In order to receive the Fall 2011 Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must have completed the following steps:

- 1. Turned In the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship Application
- 2. Completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on-line
- 3. Ensured that the Department of Education has your Pokagon Tribal ID and a copy of high school diploma or GED certification on file
- 4. Turned in your class schedule
- 5. Turned in grades from last previous semester of college in which you received a Pokagon Scholarship

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers need to be sent to the Enrollment Office for certification. For more information, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Skono Gizhguk Go (Back) to School Day

Sunday, August 7  
11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us in celebrating our students’ academic achievements and their participation in the Pokagon Summer Programs. Register your child for the 2011–2012 school year and receive backpacks and school supplies.

- 11 a.m. Arrival at Lodge Pavilion
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:30p.m. Health Walk
- 1 p.m. Events and Workshops
- 3:15 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Open registration for the K–12 Program will be at the Department of Education in the Administration Building. Forms will be mailed in July and are available at right. If you need extra forms, please contact the Education office at 269-782-0887 or e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.



**Skono Gizhguk Go (back) to School Day**  
**Sunday, August 7**

**Awards Form**

Award Category: (Check all that student is eligible for during 2010-2011.)

- ☐ Perfect Attendance for the entire school year (attach report card)
- ☐ Missed five days or less for the entire school year (attach report card)
- ☐ All As for the entire school year
- ☐ Honor Roll at least one marking period
- ☐ Improvement in at least one core subject area  
(Must show improvement in at least one core subject area and maintain a C or better in three other core subject areas. Core subjects are: Math, Science, Reading/ English /Language Arts, and Social Studies.)
- ☐ Participated in sports, band, or other club/activity

Please  
list: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Recognition for any school-related accomplishment  
(Student of the Month, Most Improved awards, etc.)

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List: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Involvement in Pokagon Band Summer Programs  
(Summer Camp, Summer School, Summer Enrichment)

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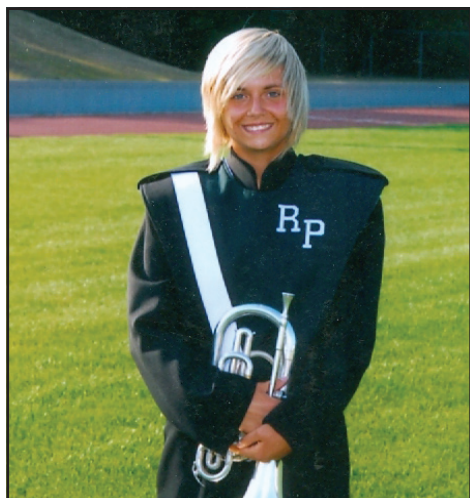
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**Pokagon Band Department of Education**  
**P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047**  
**FAX TO: (269-782-0985)**  
**Questions? Call Penny at 269-782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234**





## July Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



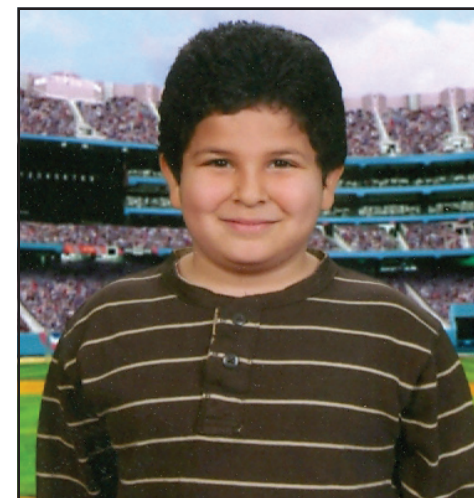
**Bobbie Jo Call** is a 17-year-old tenth grader at Reeth-Puffer High School. She lives in Twin Lakes, Michigan with her parents Christine and Russell Marsh. She has three siblings: Laurie Stolberg, Luanne Cooper, and Dorothy Updyke. Bobbie Jo enjoys playing the mellaphone and French horn in the marching band. She also plays catcher on the JV softball team, and enjoys sushi and fry bread. Bobbie Jo is looking forward to graduating and going into the medical field. She is involved in pow wows and Native American culture classes at Duck Creek Learning Center. She makes medicine bags, dream catchers and other items. Bobbie Jo is proud to be a Native American "because of what our tribe has become, helping people with culture and tradition. I am thankful for the opportunities the tribe has given me with the enrichment programs."



**Zac Wesaw** is a 13-year-old seventh grader at Fairfield Union. He lives in St. Bremen, Ohio with his parents Jill and Todd Wesaw and his sister Sidney. Zac's favorite food is spaghetti. He loves music and playing Halo on his X-Box. Zac is not currently involved in any tribal or cultural activities but is looking forward to them in the future. He would like to be a lead singer in a rock band some day. Zac is proud to be a Native American because "of the history and traditions my tribe represents."



**Madison Yvette Brown** is a 5-year-old pre-K student at Woodside Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. Her parents are Jeffrey and Lance Brown. Paula Genereaux is her grandmother and Jacqueline Genereaux is her great grandmother. Madison has two sisters: Rhian Nelson and Joey Riley and three brothers: Logan, Andrew and Austin Brown. She also has a niece, Ava Marie and a nephew, Nicolas. Madison's favorite foods are tacos and pizza. She is a second year t-ball player and enjoys playing with her niece with all of their princess toys. Madison would like to be a princess when she grows up. She attends pow wows with her family and what makes her most proud to be Native American is "singing My Indian Car from her favorite movie Dance Me Outside starring Adam Beach."



**Sean O'Brien** is a 9-year-old third grade student from Livonia, Michigan. His parents are Donna and Donald Storie. Sean's grandparents are Colleen O'Brien and Gerald Hamoud. He has three siblings: Donald Storie II, Savannah O'Brien, and Keon Johnson. Sean keeps busy with baseball, football, floor hockey, soccer and kickball as well as karate lessons and riding his bike. He also enjoys video games and playing on the computer. Sean would like to study scientific stuff as a teenager, become a fireman when he grows up and would like to have a wife and two kids. Sean attends as many cultural activities as possible including the solstice, Christmas and the summer youth programs at the health center in Detroit. He is proud to be Native American because, "we are strong people and have good hearts and I like the music and dancing and the pow wows."

## The Pokagon Pendant Project

Hail to the Victors!  
Go Cream and Crimson!  
Go Green! Go White!  
Go Belles!  
Go Lakers!

Attention Pokagon College Alumni:  
You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pendants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



## Twelve Pokagon Students Awarded for Excellent Performance

By Bonnie Parrish

Secretary, Michigan Indian Elders Association

I am very proud to announce the Pokagon Band had 12 student winners in the MIEA Student Incentive Awards program. These students receive awards for straight As and/or perfect attendance for each marking period.

Congratulations to Robert Dick, Daniel Dick, Andrew Derose, Echo Glowacki, Logan Serba, Nichole Harjer, Lake Serba, Clayton Sagataw, Jordan Shiflett, Kassidy Wesaw, Devin Shiflett, and Grant Adams. You make all of us so proud of your achievements. Keep up the good work and be sure to enter again next year.



**Please join us Friday, July 8**

**They Graduate. Let's Celebrate.**

Come to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Department of Education Awards Banquet

honoring our

2010 - 2011 High School Graduates

and GED Recipients.

Friday, July 8

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Awards at 8:00 p.m.

Southwestern Michigan College  
Mathews Conference Center East  
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center  
58900 Cherry Grove Road  
Dowagiac, MI

Contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at  
888-330-1234 with any questions and to reserve your spot.

## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in Pokégnek Yajdanawa. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.



## Charette Seeks Elders' Opinions

On May 23 the Pokagon Band Departments of Housing, Social Services and Natural Resources invited Elders to share their opinions on future services and facilities at a charette. A charette is a French term used by planners and designers to describe an event where participants offer their ideas and views about proposals for buildings or programs.

About 28 Elders gathered at Dowagiac High School where they were put into four groups. Each group spent time with staff who asked them to consider their needs for future housing, services, and community design and locations. Participants voted with stickers to indicate their preferences.



Left, attendees indicate their preferences with stickers. Above, DNR Director Mark Parrish shows a group of participants maps of tribal land classifications.

## 2011 Hannahville Language Immersion Camps

Hannahville Indian Community's Bodewadmi Language Immersion has been scheduled for June, July and August. The Immersion weeks are part of Project Ewikkendaswat Ekenomagewat, a three-year ANA language revitalization project to provide language instructor skills training during the academic school year and summer language immersion camps to increase listening and speaking fluency. Participants have committed to learn, speak and teach the Potawatomi language for future generations.

Registration for Summer Language Immersion is open to Hannahville community members-at-large, as well as to other Potawatomi Bands. Mornings are spent with the speakers, while afternoons are filled with planned language activities to practice and speak language learned during the morning sessions. Continental breakfast and lunch provided; dinner on your own.

If you have questions, please call the Hannahville Language and Culture staff at 906-723-2272 or 2273.

JUNE 13 to 17 – Immersion Camp

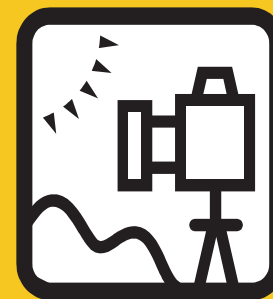
JULY 11 to 15 – Immersion Camp

AUGUST 9 to 12 – Immersion/  
Language Conference

The Pokagon Band's Department of Language and Culture is providing scholarships for lodging, transportation, and per diem to Pokagon citizens and families that are interested in attending. Please call Andy Jackson at 269-462-4261 for registration information.

## Native American Institute & the College of Arts and Letters- American Indian Youth Film Workshop

July 17th to July 22nd



All students ages 13-18 may register. Students will attend workshops under the instruction of MSU faculty.

Students will be housed on Michigan State University campus for 4 days. Lodging and meals will be included for each student.

Students will complete a short film as well as learn:

To use cameras to film scenes and people

To set up & design shots for filming

To create storyboards to develop stories for film

To edit video

To create & edit soundtracks for film

To produce special effects

For information, contact: Gordon Henry at (989) 859-0178 or [henryg@anr.msu.edu](mailto:henryg@anr.msu.edu) also NAI office at (517)353-6632. To register for NAI/CAL Film Institute, visit [www.nai.msu.edu](http://www.nai.msu.edu).



## MSU Offers Native High School Students a Business Boot Camp

**By Michelle Tirado, American Indian Report**

Next month, Native American high school students will spend a week at Michigan State University to get an introduction to higher education and a primer on business.

The pilot program, being offered July 23-29 by Broad College's Multicultural Business Programs (MBP) at no cost to students, is called the Native American Business Institute (NABI). Led by Graduate Assistant Allard Teeple (Bay Mills), NABI's mission is to "create a space or idea in an institute for a group of underrepresented people in the college of business, as well as providing opportunities and knowledge skill-sets for Native American youth."

The seven-day program will provide students in grades 10 to 12 an introduction to business while working with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders and corporate representatives who will help prepare them for the college application process and expose them to numerous academic and professional opportunities.

NABI's business component will include presentations from corporate recruiters, faculty from Broad College, who will discuss the business school's

academic programs, and reps from four Michigan tribes (Bay Mills, Gun Lake, Pokagon Band and the fourth is to be announced). There will also be presentations from two tribal businesses, though Teeple is still awaiting confirmation.

NABI's roots go back to 2007, when MBP launched an outreach program to make tribes and tribal youth more aware of business within tribal communities and beyond. Either in the fall or spring semester, about 25 non-Native students from the MBP go to a tribal community in Michigan for a weekend. On one day, the students learn about the tribe — its history, culture and the services it provides to its members as well as its enterprises, business revenues and how those revenues are reinvested back into the community. The next day, the MSU students teach the tribal youth about business and professional development, like writing resumes and job interview preparation, and other wisdom that they had obtained in college.

There are 300 to 600 Native Americans enrolled at MSU, Teeple estimates, which is one percent or less of the university's total student population. Out of about 4,000 students enrolled at Broad College, between five and 15 are Native American.

Growing up, Teeple, who is getting his master's in accounting, could not help but notice how many non-Native people from outside of the community were hired for top positions at tribal enterprises. It's still the trend. Teeple hopes that NABI will reverse it, that it will "slowly bring in our own people for our own operations."

"Michigan State is surrounded by 12 federally recognized tribes. There is no university out there at this point trying to work with the tribal nations in business," Teeple said.

To date, 10 high school students have signed up for NABI. Teeple said they are shooting for a total of 15, but more would be even better. Applications will be accepted up until the week before the program starts.



See more online at <http://broad.msu.edu/undergraduate/mbp/nabi>

# Potawatomi Language Conference 2011

Hosted by the  
Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community  
And the Island Resort Convention Center

Convention Center  
W399 Hwy 2 & 41 - Harris, Michigan  
Woodland Valley Gathering Grounds  
Hannahville Road

E Bodewadmiygo eshe ngotwek gkiyownan

*One People - One Spirit*



- ezhe bmadziygo i Gbodewadmiinan

*Living Our Bodewadmi Language*

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, August 9, 2011

- 1:00 - 5:00 Registration/Hotel check-in
- 5:00 - 8:00 • Evening Reception Buffet
- Recreational Language Activity - Kevin Daugherty

### Wednesday, August 10, 2011

- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and General Announcements
- 9:00 - 10:15 Immersion Session: Jim & Mary Jane Thunder  
With Kim Wensaut and Lindsay Marean
- 10:30 - 11:45 Immersion Session: Lillian Rice & Walter Johnson
- 11:45 - 12:45 Lunch (provided)
- 1:15 - 2:00 Breakout Sessions:
  - Immersion Programs - Johnny Flynn
  - Etymology & Homonyms - Stewart King
  - FCP: Animation, Bringing A Story to Life - Dan Deschinny
- 2:05 - 2:50 Breakout Sessions:
  - Potawatomi Instructor Credentialing - E. Meshigaud, D. Hill
  - Potawatomi Verb Book - Lindsay Marean
  - Language Learning Games - Frank Barker

HOTEL & INFORMATION UPDATES:  
[www.potawatomilanguage.org](http://www.potawatomilanguage.org)

### Wednesday, August 10, 2011 *Continued*

— Transfer to Gathering Grounds —

- 3:30 - 4:30 Breakout Sessions: At Gathering Grounds
  - Tents: Language Picture Descriptions - Justin Neely
  - Tents: Youth Presentation - Rod Lovall & HIC Youth Group
  - Long House: Building a Fire - John Winchester
- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner Buffet (provided)
- 7:00 - 9:00 Potawatomi Language Activities - HIC Staff/Youth

### Thursday, August 11, 2011

- 7:00 - 8:15 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30 - 10:00 Immersion Session: Jim & Mary Jane Thunder  
With Kim Wensaut and Lindsay Marean
- 10:30 - 12:00 Immersion Session: Lillian Rice & Walter Johnson
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 - 2:00 Breakout Sessions:
  - Potawatomi Instructor Credentialing - E. Meshigaud, D. Hill
  - Language Skits - Olivia Pewamo & Team
  - Plant Fibers in the Potawatomi Language - Ed Pigeon

### Thursday, August 11, 2011 *Continued*

- 2:05 - 2:50 Breakout Sessions:
  - Immersion Programs - Johnny Flynn
  - Etymology & Homonyms - Stewart King
  - Dish Bag Teachings - LIST, Language Team, Rich Sjarlotti
- Transfer to Gathering Grounds —
- 3:30 - 4:30 Breakout Sessions: At Gathering Grounds
  - Tents: Language Skits - Olivia Pewamo & Team
  - Tents: Youth Workshop - Rod Lovall & HIC Youth Group
  - Long House: Building a Fire - John Winchester
  - Tents: Youth Language Activities - Justin Neely
- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner (provided)
- Evening: Concert or Wabeno Lodge

### Friday, August 12, 2011

- 7:30 - 8:15 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30 - 9:15 Immersion Session: Fluent Speaker Panel
- 9:15 - 10:30 Immersion Session: Songs, Music
- 10:30 - 11:00 Conference Wrap-Up

— Transfer to Gathering Grounds —

### TO REGISTER

ONLINE: [www.potawatomilanguage.org](http://www.potawatomilanguage.org)  
CALL: 906-723-2272 or 906-723-2273  
EMAIL: [conference@potawatomilanguage.org](mailto:conference@potawatomilanguage.org)

# August 9 - 12, 2011



**Drumming**

- 7/6 & 7/27 - Men’s Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 7/6 & 7/27 - Women’s Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

**History**

- 7/19 - Potawatomi History with Jerry Lewis, Admin. Finance Conf. Rm, 6-8pm

**Language**

- Mondays - Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm
- 7/7 - Language Workshop with John Winchester, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm
- 7/11 - 7/15 - Hannahville Language Immersion Camp, Wilson, MI
- 7/28 - Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm

**Native Healing**

- 7/18 - 7/20 - Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am - 12pm & 1 - 5pm
- 7/20 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge, Teaching Cabin, 6 - 8pm

**Native Nations Youth Council**

- 7/9 - Gardening, L&C Grounds, 10-12pm
- 7/17 - Lacrosse, Head Start Field, 1-3pm
- 7/23 - Elections/Gardening, 10 - 12pm; Lunch, 12 - 1pm, L&C Grounds; Lacrosse, 1 - 3pm, Head Start Field
- 7/29 - Dinner & Talk with Lillian Rice, L&C Office, 5 - 8pm

**Pow Wows**

- 7/2 & 7/3 - Little River Band Traditional Pow Wow, Manistee, MI
- 7/2 & 7/3 - Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Contest Pow Wow, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 7/22 - 7/24 - Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow Wow, Baraga, MI

**Traditions and Repatriation Committee**

- 7/25 - Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

**Upcoming Events**

- 8/5 - Blending Christianity and Native Ways with Casey and Lora Church, Elder’s Hall 1-2pm, Tribal Lodge 5-8pm

July 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Little River Band Pow Wow;  Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Pow Wow
3 Little River Band Pow Wow;  Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Pow Wow	4 Elder’s Language Class Canceled;  Offices Closed	5 Elder’s Language Class Rescheduled	6 Men’s Drumming;  Women’s Hand Drumming;	7 Language Work-shop with John Winchester	8	9 Youth Council, Gardening Day
10	11 Elder’s Language Class Canceled; Hannahville Im-mersion Camp	12 Hannahville Im-mersion Camp	13 Hannahville Im-mersion Camp	14 Hannahville Im-mersion Camp	15 Hannahville Im-mersion Camp;	16
17 Youth Council, Lacrosse	18 Elder’s Language Class;  Native Healing	19 History with Jerry Lewis;  Native Healing	20 Co-ed Sweat Lodge;  Native Healing	21	22 Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow	23 Youth Coun-cil, Elections / Gardening / La-crosse; Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow
24 Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow	25 Elder’s Lan-guage Class;  Trad. & Rep. Meeting	26	27 Men’s Drumming;  Women’s Hand Drumming;	28 Language Work-shop with Lillian Rice	29 Youth Coun-cil, Dinner & Talk with Lillian Rice; Lunch-and-Learn (staff only)	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 Blending Christi-anity and Native Ways	6

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

POTAWATOMI TRAIL PHASE IV

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announces their intent to construct the Potawatomi Trail Phase IV Project

The project is located in the Pokagonek Édawat development located off of Daily Road in Lagrange Township, Cass County, Michigan. Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 15 West. The total project length is approximately 0.6 miles and construction is scheduled to be constructed in 2011.

Work will include clearing, stripping of topsoil, grading, subbase construction, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, HMA paving, and restoration.

Preliminary plans and other related information concerning this project are available for viewing by contacting one of the following:

Greg Newhouse  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
916 Lakeshore Drive W.  
Ashland, WI 54806  
(715) 682-2709

Jason Auvil  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
269-782-9602

## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

# July

### Dates:

Every Monday

July 4, 2011 - No Class  
(Holiday, Offices Closed)

July 5, 2011 - Make-up day

July 11, 2011 - No Class  
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)

July 18, 2011

July 25, 2011

### Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



### Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, *Director of Language & Culture*  
(269) 462-4296 • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

## July & August

### Dates:

Monday - Wednesday  
July 18-20, 2011

Monday - Wednesday  
August 22 - 24, 2011

### Individual Appt. Times:

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Co-ed Sweat Lodge:

Wednesday, July 20, 2011  
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011

### Location:

Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Visiting with Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

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## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). If you are looking for a sweat, Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on July 20th and August 24th at 6:00 pm.



### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*  
Office: (269) 462-4261 • E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Maatookiidaa Anishnaabewin:

### 4-Year Anishnaabemowin Immersion/ Teacher Certification Program

"Let Us Share Anishnaabe Ways of Life"

### Our Vision:

*Kina weya wii Nishnaabemad. "That everyone may speak our Native Language."*

**Program Overview:** Maatookiidaa Anishnaabewin (MA) is Bkejwanong's language immersion program. The program immerses students in Anishnaabemowin, our Native language. MA classes are taught in Anishnaabemowin completely, there is no English used. In June MA will be completing year one of the 4-year program. MA is full-time program which started in September 2010. Classes are September –June, Monday- Friday from 9am- 3:30pm. The mandatory teacher certification component will begin in July 2012 and continue until June 2014 alongside the full time immersion classes. The 4-year program will be completed in June 2014.

MA is now accepting applications for 2<sup>nd</sup> year intake. MA is accepting applications for applicants with previous language learning experience. Limited enrollment available.



## Now Accepting 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Applications!!





Elders Council Business Meeting

June 2, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, A, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P, also in attendance, Yvonne “Petey” Boehm.

**AGENDA:** Arthur Culpepper, director of Pokagon Health Services was present, along with Lois Wesaw, Melissa Gard, and Shelly Smith, pharmacist. Dr. Culpepper and his staff answered questions about the new policies that have been put in place.

Questions were asked about generic meds versus name brands, restrictions on missing appointments, what must be done to be referred to another doctor.

He also talked about securing a new internal medicine doctor, and about the possibility of a new clinic. If you have any questions call Mr. Culpepper at the clinic.

Yvonne “Petey” Boehm and Bonnie Parrish informed the membership of the winners of the incentive awards from MIEA. Members would like a breakdown of what was brought in to auction and what the selling price was at MIEA auction.

Petey informed us that the Potawatomi Gathering will be held in Wilson, Michigan August 10 – 14. For more information, contact Melissa Rodriquez at 269-462-4203 or 1-800-517-0777.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Chairman Matt Wesaw informed us that the busses should be here around Labor Day. Two busses are on order, (1) is a 38 passenger, the other is a 17 passenger. Both busses are wheelchair equipped.

We would like to start asking the directors of different departments to come and speak to our Elders, so they can be kept up on the workings of the Band.

**MINUTES:** The April minutes were read, Ruth moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Jeanette supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Four Winds trip is scheduled for June 13. Meet at the Train Depot in Dowagiac at 10:00 am for the shuttle. Chairperson asked for five volunteers to form a committee to help members who don’t know where to go or what to do when there is a death in the family.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Audrey gave a report on the Elder jackets.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:** Elizabeth Ballew, Bill Sigfrids, Kathy Ruff.

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerald and Cookie Wesaw, 59 years; Tom and Jackie Trux, 37 years; John and Patsy Carney, 51 years; Richard and Barbara Hiler, 57 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Per Capita Direct Deposit and Tax Withholding Forms

By Julie Farver

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- 5 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9 Tribal Elections
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 12 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 18 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 19 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 25 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 26 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdel		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
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Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band’s Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band’s Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen’s name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band’s Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at 269-462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4260	Juniper Rose Ballew
857	Peter John Ramirez	4277	Brenna Jennifer Orns
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4317	Keira Kristine Morseau
1507	Justin Adam Canard	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
2456	Alexis LeaAnn McGiveron	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2493	Joseph Nathaniel Guillermo	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2587	Tyler Edward Rouse	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
2621	Alexander Pierce Falk	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2665	Elijah David Williams	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
2717	Zachary Taylor Huffman	4463	Albert Anthony Huerta
2801	Joyce Rose Olsen	4464	Jesus Isreal Huerta
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4465	Rameado Jesus Huerta
3037	Micah Joechim Price	4466	Mariah Ann Huerta
3273	Julius Brighton Rummage	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3341	James Howard Gideon III	4548	Drake Allen Potter
3388	Dylan Anthony-Lynn Joyner	4549	Ashton D. Potter
3417	Dwayne Michael Allen Collett	4550	Cassina Marie Potter
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3532	Jacob Thomas Lewis	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3595	Miriam Topash Rios	4666	Danielle Jamie Sturgeon
3665	Raelyn Bree Balcom	4704	Glenn Josiah Frank Smith
3748	Nisajwen Joseph Topash	4719	Oliver George Bounds
3763	Arianna Mae Morseau	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
3764	Jordan Michael Morseau	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
3783	Carter Alexander Drake	4736	Joseph Manuel Cruz
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4737	Bella Sophia Cruz
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4738	Mia Alizey-Paige Cruz
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4746	Alyssa Ann Leonardo
3959	Anissa Elain Patzer	4747	Ryan Giovanni Leonardo
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4748	Gianna Gennevieve Leonardo
3978	Ashley Marie Wildey	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4904	Tara Lee Ferguson
4113	Steven Allen Hossler Jr.	4907	Daryl Thomas Hall
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4910	Lauren Angel Iturbe
4170	Illiana Marie Bush	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4171	Silas James Bush	4939	Ana Elizabeth Gray
4190	Luke Gregory Marunycz	4940	Sarah Rose Gray
4191	Jacob Leo Marunycz	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel
4221	Keyanah LaRai Starrett		
4252	Brady Scott Rice		



monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

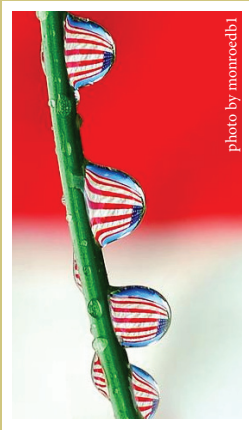
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# july

When a diet is wrong medicine is of no use. When a diet is correct medicine is of no need.

Ancient Ayurvedic Proverb

4 closed for fourth of july



language

Taco Bake  
Garden Salad  
Melon Wedges  
Jell-O Cup

language

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Roll

language

Turkey Pot Pie  
Tomato Salad  
Strawberry Angel Food Cake  
Roll

5

Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef  
Sandwich  
Assorted Breads  
Veggie Tray  
Baked Beans  
Strawberry Pies

deli day

Grilled Pork Chops  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Apple Sauce  
Coleslaw  
Roll

9

BBQ Chicken  
Macaroni Salad  
Carrots and Peas  
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple  
Roll

26

Pork Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Ice Cream  
Roll

6

Chicken, Broccoli, Cheese, and  
Rice Casserole  
Tomato and Cucumber Salad  
Frozen Fruit Bar  
Roll

13

Turkey Burger on a Wheat Bun  
Baked Beans  
Assorted Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit

20

Chili Dogs W/ Bun  
Relish Tray  
Tomato Salad  
Fresh Fruit  
Cookie

27

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Roll

7

Buffalo Sloppy Joe  
Macaroni Salad  
Assorted Veggie Tray  
Fruit Salad  
Cake

business

Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Beans,  
Potatoes, Cabbage, and Corn)  
Cottage Cheese w/ Sliced  
Tomatoes  
Cherry Crisp  
Cornbread

21

Tuna Fish with a Tomato Bowl  
Fruit Salad  
Veggie Tray

28

Nelson's Ribs and Chicken  
Corn on the Cob  
Squash Salad  
Watermelon  
Rolls

Business and Social Luncheons  
are Potlucks. Please bring a  
dish to pass. Thank you.

8

Breaded Perch  
Rice Pilaf  
Tri-Blend Vegetables  
Cucumber Salad  
Roll

15

Baked Potato Bar With Chili,  
Sour Cream and Chives, and  
Broccoli and Cheese  
Fruit Salad

22

Shrimp Kabobs  
Potato Salad  
Broccoli Slaw  
Banana Pudding w/ Vanilla  
Wafers  
Roll

29

Salmon and Potato Dish  
Asparagus  
Corn Slaw  
Cottage Cheese and Peaches  
Roll

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

Elders Council Directory

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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



## July announcements

Congratulations to our daughter, **Cassandra Church**. We are proud of your high school accomplishments, your graduation from Hopkins High School, and your acceptance into Michigan State University's pre-veterinarian program. We're proud of you being president of National Honor Society, president of Student Council and earning the principal's leadership award. Your athletic abilities also inspired us: being all-conference in soccer, honorable mention in volleyball, and most valuable player in basketball. Your talents will allow you to play a big part in our community and our tribe.



We love you, Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday, **Troy**!  
I love you, Mom

Happy 66th birthday June 19 **Lee Faulk**

Love, your family

Happy late birthday June 19 to my mom, **Leona Falk**.

I love you, Kim Wheetley

Happy 7th birthday July 19 to my granddaughter, **Alexis Deuel**. You're terrific!

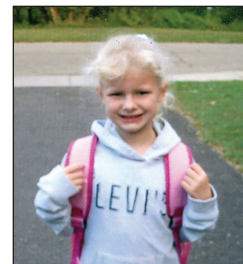
I love you, Grandma Martha

The happiest of birthdays July 23 to my niece, **Wendy Sigfrids**.

Love you, Aunt Martha

Happy birthday July 2 to my brother-in-law, **Brian Andrews**, a truly great guy!

Love you, Mart



Happy 7th Birthday,  
**Allison Anne Warner**



Happy 1st Birthday,  
**Jackson Scott Warner**

**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi**

**September 3rd-4th, 2011**

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Head Jr Lady – Dajia Shinos  
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Co Host – Ribbon Town Singers  
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Great Lakes Old Style  
Traditional Special

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Other PowWow information contact  
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email: [anishmama2@aol.com](mailto:anishmama2@aol.com)  
Host Hotel – Baymont Inn 269-782-4270

Camping available for PowWow participants first come first serve starting Thursday noon.  
All specials need to be pre-approved.  
No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics.  
No pets in the PowWow area.





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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August 2011

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## Pokagon Gaming Authority Refinancing Completed

### Band Announces Management Buy-out and Four Winds New Buffalo Expansion

By Anita Grivins, director of finance

The Pokagon Band recently released news about three exciting projects that were completed on June 30.

1. Early Payment of the Casino Bonds
2. Buy-out of Lakes Management Agreement
3. Expansion Plans

“The Pokagon Gaming Authority Announces the Acceptance and Early Settlement of and Receipt of Consents to its Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation for its 10.375 percent Senior Notes due 2014” is how the first heading for the official news release read on June 30. But what does that mean?

Over 18 months ago, the Pokagon Gaming Authority (PGA) began to set in place a strategy for refinancing its existing debt, increasing revenue distributions, and finalizing various expansion plans.

Payment in full on the bonds issued to construct the Four Winds Casino Resort was to come due in June 2014. The PGA chose to refinance the outstanding debt this past June—three years early. The outstanding bonds totaled \$283,647,000 and were interest-only bonds for their eight-year term. With this action, the PGA will save nearly \$30 million in interest payments each year.

Not only did the PGA pay off the bonds, but it also paid off the remaining Lakes and Furniture and Fixtures (FFE) Notes. The Lakes notes were being paid at nine percent interest and the FFE at approximately 4.5 percent interest on a total of \$42 million of debt. This will translate into interest savings of an additional \$2.7 million annually.

All the debt was replaced with a single bank loan totaling \$410,000,000, of which the PGA received \$350,000,000 to satisfy all its obligations surrounding the new bank deal. The

remaining \$60 million is accessible as a line of credit and is currently undrawn by the casino. The \$350 million covers the costs of the financing and expenses related to the redemption of the bonds. The interest rate is variable at a current rate of 3.77 percent with scheduled principal payments of \$50 million per year. PGA hopes to eliminate this debt in five years. This new bank deal will also allow the PGA to meet another important objective: to increase the amount of revenue distributions through the Revenue Allocation Plan.

As part of the PGA's efforts to further move forward, it has also successfully negotiated the early buy-out of the management agreement with Lakes. This term of this agreement was set to expire in September of 2012. By buying Lakes out early, Lakes is no longer entitled to receive any management fees and PGA was able to take over the responsibilities for managing all gaming operations as of June 30, 2011.

Finally, PGA announced progress on the expansion of Four Winds New Buffalo and the soon to be completed Four Winds Hartford. These two development projects are being financed by two sources: \$20 million from the tribal government's economic development funds and \$85 million from Four Winds operating cash. The Band government's \$20 million commitment was fulfilled as of June 30, 2011, while Four Winds continues to use available cash to fund the development costs through completion, which is split as follows: \$20 million for Four Winds Hartford and \$20 million for Four Winds New Buffalo. The savings created through the refinancing of the PGA's debt has allowed these expansions to move forward without increasing PGA's total debt.

The tribe will be hosting an educational meeting to cover further details about the financing on August 20, 10:00 am at the Community Center, in conjunction with the induction of the new members of the Tribal Council.

## Four Winds Hartford to Host Pokagon Grand Opening Special Events

### Pokagon Non-Gaming Family Days

Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28, 2011 11a.m. – 8p.m. Eastern

After a sunrise ceremony on August 27, join us at the main entrance at 11a.m. for a special event to mark the opening of Four Winds Hartford. The festivities will commence with a Grand Entry, posting of the flags, and ceremonial dances – traditional regalia is encouraged. Visit on either August 27 or 28 to tour Four Winds Hartford, including complimentary dining at Timbers or at our outdoor barbecue. Just bring your Pokagon Tribal ID to the W♣ Players Club counter to receive a commemorative gift and to be entered into our special prize drawings. This is for Pokagon tribal citizens and immediate family members only. All ages are welcome.

- Pokagon citizens and immediate family members of all ages welcome
- Complimentary dining at Timbers or our outdoor barbecue
- Commemorative grand opening gift
- Prize drawings throughout each day
- Must present Pokagon tribal ID
- No gaming

### Pokagon Live Gaming Day

Monday, August 29, 2011

(Must be 21 years old)

9a.m. – 10 p.m. Eastern

Pokagon & One Guest

Be the first to experience our new games. Anytime after 9a.m., just present your Pokagon tribal ID at the W♣ counter for you and one guest to each receive \$100 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play to use on any machine. If you can't visit on August 29, just visit any time through September 30 to receive your introductory Instant Credit offer.

- Must be 21 years or older
- Complimentary dining at Timbers or our outdoor barbecue
- Each Pokagon and one guest will each receive a \$100 Instant Credit/Free Slot Play offer valid through September 30, 2011
- Pokagon citizens & Pokagon spouses employed by Four Winds will receive a \$100 Four Winds gift card in lieu of Free Play



## Pokagon Tribal Court Establishes New Relationships with Indiana State Courts

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Pokagon Tribal Court recently had the opportunity to work with and educate members of the Indiana judicial system. The interactions have given the Pokagon Band visibility within the state courts and have provided them with information on how to work with a federally-recognized tribe in matters relating to court orders.

While working on a case involving the collection of child support from a non-native parent living in Indiana, Annette Nickel, the presenting officer of the Pokagon Band's Childrens Court, was asked to speak at the Indiana Child Support Enforcement Conference. As the Pokagon Band seems virtually unknown to the state court system, Ms. Nickel was pleased to help educate prosecutors and their staff on the protocol for collecting and enforcing child support orders when dealing with the Band. She invited Stephen Rambeaux, the court administrator, to assist her by sharing information about the procedures and processes of the Tribal Court.

"Federal law requires us to enforce each other's child support orders," said Chief Judge Michael Petoskey. "When the Band or the Four Winds Casino Resort receive state court child support orders, it is important for the Tribal Court to be involved so that others recognize the sovereign status of the tribe."

Thus, this Band has decided that state court orders must be received and processed through the Tribal Court. A state court cannot treat a tribal sovereign nation, which has employees, as any ordinary run-of-the-mill employer. Therefore, all state court child support orders come to the Tribal Court for recognition and enforcement, which results in Tribal Court entry of the appropriate orders.

"We were very well received at the conference," stated Stephen Rambeaux. "The Indiana prosecutor, who worked with the Band to gain recognition and enforcement of the tribal child support order mentioned above, spoke highly of the Pokagons and we gained some valuable visibility."

Another opportunity to work with influential individuals in the Indiana judicial system arose late



Left to right, Justice Steven H. David, Indiana Supreme Court; Judge Gary Chavers, presiding official for the model court project; Pokagon Tribal Court Associate Judge David M. Peterson; Ann Jordan, program attorney for the Indiana Judicial Center; and Chief Judge Michael Petoskey gather for a photo at the Juvenile Judges Conference in June.

last summer. Rambeaux received a call at the Court from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, a national organization with a mission of promoting best practices in child welfare and juvenile court cases. They asked if the Tribal Court was interested in teaming up with one of their Model Courts, which happened to be the Indianapolis Model Court. "With six of the 10 counties in our tribal service area being in Indiana, it made sense for us to get involved," explained Judge Petoskey.

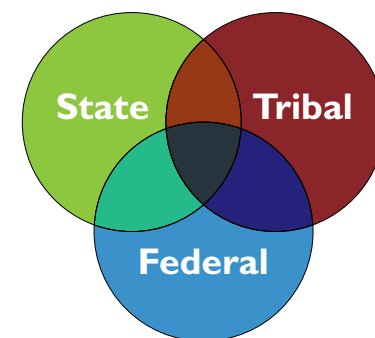
In September 2010, Judge Petoskey and the Court Administrator made a site visit to the Indianapolis Model Court to meet the judicial officials involved there to evaluate the opportunities presented by becoming a member of their team. The visit ended with an invitation for them to visit our community and Court. They visited here in May.

As an outcome of this initial relationship, Judge Petoskey was invited to be the luncheon speaker at the Indiana Juvenile Court Judicial Officers Annual Meeting.

"They were under the impression that there were no federally-recognized tribes in the state of Indiana," said Judge Petoskey. "We are hoping to create a better understanding and awareness among their state courts."

During his presentation, Judge Petoskey pointed out that the Pokagon Tribal Court and the Indiana court system share a lot of common ground. He shared with them the work that the Tribal Court is doing with Indiana child support orders already. "As of June 21, 2011, we have had 113 child support income withholding orders and 111 annual support fee orders from Indiana." The cases have involved nine counties in Indiana. Since Four Winds opened in August 2007, child support deductions from casino employees living in Indiana have amounted to \$749,178. In addition, since June 21, 2011, the Tribal Court has recognized and enforced 21 Indiana judgments leading to 18 cases filed for garnishment enforcement.

"This exposure has really put us on the map, and this is the beginning for some common ground relationships," said Judge Petoskey. "We are committed to following up on any opportunities for Indiana judges and child service workers to get training." The Indiana Model Court has shared their belief that training on the Indian Child Welfare Act is badly needed. Judge Petoskey committed to helping them identify appropriate trainers. "They recognize that there is a need for help," stated Judge Petoskey.



Through education and positive working relationships, the Tribal Court will become more accepted into the family of courts in Indiana and receive greater respect for the sovereignty

of the Pokagon Band. In fact, Judge Petoskey has been invited to the annual meeting scheduled for all Indiana judges later this Fall, the annual Indiana probation officers annual meeting and come back to future Indiana Juvenile Court Judicial Officials annual meetings. "The Pokagon Band has been invisible for far too long," said Rambeaux. "We hope that these new relationships lead to future opportunities for collaboration."

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## New Look for Pokagon Band Website

Have you visited the Pokagon Band's website lately? If so, you've surely noticed a big change. If not, visit [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov) to check out the new site. The newly-redesigned online presence includes photos, updated content, and fresh features. Citizens can still access forms for applying for programs and services, and information about meeting agendas and schedules. Very soon you'll see a calendar events functionality that will help with planning and greater opportunities for tribal involvement. The hope is that this ever-changing and improving site will allow for deeper engagement between the tribal government and the citizens, no matter where they live. Feedback encouraged!



## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

# August

### Dates:

Every Monday  
August 1st  
August 8th - No Class  
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)  
August 15th  
August 22nd  
August 29th

### Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



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## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

### Department of Language and Culture

## Native Nations Youth Council

The month of August is filled with exciting activities and events for Sr. and Jr. Youth Councils!!

- We will begin with an amazing fundraising opportunity offered by Human Resources to earn \$100 per person up to \$1000 for volunteering at the employee picnic on August 6th.
- For the Potawatomi Gathering, many of our Senior Youth Council will be traveling to Hannahville to volunteer their time and participate in workshops.
- Tribal Council has invited both Sr. and Jr. Council to be sworn in to office at the new Community Center with them on August 20th.
- Barb Peltier will be joining us on August 23rd. Dinner will be provided followed by a talking circle.

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### AUGUST Events

- »August 6th  
Volunteer at Employee picnic  
Rodgers Lake, 9am-4pm
- »August 10th-13th  
Potawatomi Gathering  
Hannahville, MI
- »August 20th  
New E-Board Swearing In Ceremony  
Community Center, 10am
- »August 23rd  
Talking Circle with Barb Peltier  
Tribal Lodge  
5:00 pm— 8:00 pm

## The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

### September 3rd-4th, 2011

**Rodgers Lake**  
**58620 Sink Rd**  
**Dowagiac, MI**

## 26th Annual PowWow

Kee Boon Mein Kaa

**GRAND ENTRY**  
SATURDAY 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM / SUNDAY Noon

**HEAD STAFF**  
Head Veteran – George Martin  
Head Male – Paul Syrette  
Head Lady – Rhonda Purcell  
Head Jr Male – Wasnoday Pamp  
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Other PowWow information contact  
Alycia Atkinson phone: 231-578-4373  
email: [anishmama2@aol.com](mailto:anishmama2@aol.com)  
Host Hotel – Baymont Inn 269-782-4270

Camping available for PowWow participants first come first serve starting Thursday noon.  
All specials need to be pre-approved.  
No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics.  
No pets in the PowWow area.



## Tribal Council Approves Increase in Scholarship Funding

On July 11 Tribal Council approved a change in higher education scholarship funding. Effective this fall, eligible Pokagon students attending an accredited public, private, or BIA-funded college or university will receive up to the following assistance per semester, based on unmet needs.

Students attaining an associate degree	\$200 per credit/hour (Up to 18 credits)
Students attaining a bachelor's degree	\$400 per credit/hour (Up to 18 credits)
Students attaining a graduate or post-graduate degree	\$600 per credit/hour (Up to 15 credits)

The above scholarship award is the maximum award based on unmet needs. Students will not receive the maximum award if it is determined that their unmet needs are met with less scholarship funding.

Unmet need is determined by adding the costs for tuition, fees, books, transportation (mileage, bus tickets, airline fares, but not vehicle costs or repairs), and room/board and subtracting other grants, scholarships, and tuition waivers received by the student, as reported by the college/university financial aid office on the Unmet Need form. For part-time students, room and board is not included in the calculation. Students receiving other financial assistance through Pokagon Departments must report this assistance. Funding will only cover up to the number of credits needed to graduate, and failed and repeated classes will not be funded again.

Once students start turning in the fall 2011 scholarship application paperwork, they can expect an e-mail verification of scholarship paperwork being processed on Wednesdays, unless government offices are closed. Then, information about missing paperwork will be e-mailed on Fridays (unless the office is closed). The deadline to complete all paperwork for scholarships must be completed by the last day of classes for that semester.

If you have questions concerning your scholarship, please contact the Departments of Education's main line at (888) 330-1234. More information can be found at: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher\\_Education\\_Scholarship.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher_Education_Scholarship.aspx) or on location at the Pokagon Band Department of Education.

### Pokagon Band Scholarship Reminders

- If you received a scholarship, you must submit an official grade report at the conclusion of that academic term.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed at the beginning of each calendar year for the upcoming academic year. It is best to apply as soon after January 1 to be eligible for certain federal and state funding. Your school financial aid office will need to have a FAFSA on file for you to complete your Unmet Needs form.
- If you received a Pokagon scholarship and have graduated, you must submit a copy of your diploma to the Department of Education to close up that scholarship award and to be eligible for further scholarships.
- If you are allowing other people to ask about your scholarship, you must sign their names on the "Consent to Release Information" form.
- The deadline to apply for a fall 2011 scholarship is the last day of classes of the fall term.



See more online at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher\\_Education\\_Scholarship.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher_Education_Scholarship.aspx)



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language and Culture

## August Language Workshops

We are honored to invite John Winchester and Lillian Rice to join us for August's Potawatomi Language Workshops. John will teach on Thursday, August 18th. Lillian will teach for two nights, Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

**Dates:**  
*John Winchester's Class*  
Thursday, August 18st

*Lillian Rice's Class*  
Wednesday, August 31st  
Thursday, September 1st

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:**  
Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

### Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, Director of L&C  
(269) 462-4296 office • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
[Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Office: 269-462-4261

## Mens' & Boys' Drumming Class

Calling all men and boys interested in learning how to drum! John T. Warren will be sharing drum teachings, pow wow singing, and drumming techniques. Please come and join us for an evening filled with traditional drum teachings, singing, and drumming.



**Dates:**  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011  
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

**Time:**  
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Teaching Cabin  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Everyone is invited!**  
If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



Tribal Citizen and Business Owner Perseveres Through Economic Difficulties

Tribal citizen and entrepreneur Dave Johnson learned firsthand about the value of perseverance when faced with adversity during the economic crisis of 2008. Prior to becoming a business owner, Dave worked in a factory setting for two and a half years, but found that the job didn't suit him.

"I felt like a caged lion trying to get out," recalls Johnson. Looking for a change, Dave became an Amway distributor. "While I didn't stay with Amway long-term, I credit the company with teaching me how to sell, and how to take it on the chin," explained Johnson.

In 1996, Johnson paired his sales knowledge with his previous experience in the flooring industry and decided to start his own company. He applied for business loans three times before receiving the financing needed to launch his business. Johnson Hardwood Flooring, LLC was created, and the business turned a profit right away. Located in Coloma, Michigan, the company serves contractors and individuals in southwest Michigan. His wife, Kim, did all of the bookkeeping for the business and was able to stay at home when their children were young.

The Johnsons enjoyed the success of their business until the housing industry came to a screeching halt during the economic crash of 2008. "Business just stopped," recalled Johnson. "The phone didn't ring for three months." In an effort to stay afloat, Johnson began selling assets. "I got rid of a rental that I had for wood overflow, and I also sold my Harley Davidson," said Dave. "At one time I even sold my firearms to get money for groceries."

In an effort to secure income for his family during the recession, Dave approached the owner of Casual Tees, a custom screen printing and embroidery business that also sells promotional products, awards and trophies, and offered to purchase the company. "I had been interested in the business for awhile, and the timing was right to make a move," explained Johnson. "Casual Tees stayed busy during the recession and business has increased every year, so it has been a great asset," said Dave.

Casual Tees is located in Eau Claire, Michigan and their clients include the YMCA, Four Winds Casino, Boeing and local schools. The business is a privately held corporation and is run exclusively

by the family.

"I didn't plan on the economy crashing, but I learned a lot from the experience," said Dave. "Being well-diversified gives you security, and we continue to look at forming other entities." When he recalls his experiences as a businesses owner, he is reminded of a line from a Rocky movie: "It's not how hard you can hit, it's how hard you get hit and you keep moving forward." Johnson's strong work ethic and dedication to success help him to weather the storms.

With the economy starting to show signs of recovery, business at Johnson Hardwood Flooring is picking up. Work is not consistent yet, but it is heading in a positive direction. And he credits his faith in helping him persevere.

"None of this would have been possible without God directing my life through the ups and downs, molding me as He sees fit," said Johnson.



The Johnson family, Kim, Justin, Ciera and Dave, in front of their Eau Claire, Michigan business.

Photo by Kaity Fuja

Casual Tees

6892 East Main Street  
Eau Claire, Michigan  
(269) 461-3073  
www.casualteesinc.com

Johnson Hardwood Flooring, LLC

Installation, Refinishing, Insured  
(269) 468-6608

**Drumming**

- 8/3 & 8/17 - Men's Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 8/3 & 8/24 - Women's Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

**Language**

- Mondays - Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm
- 8/18 - Language Workshop with John Winchester, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm
- 8/9 - 8/12 - Potawatomi Language Conference, Wilson, MI
- 8/31 & 9/1 - Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm

**Native Healing**

- 8/22 - 8/24 - Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am - 12pm & 1 - 5pm
- 8/24 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6 - 8pm
- 8/25 - Women's Sweat Lodge with Barb Peltier, Gage Street, 6-8pm

**Native Nations Youth Council**

- 8/6 - Employee Picnic Volunteering, Rodgers Lake, 9am - 4pm
- 8/10 - 8/13 - Potawatomi Gathering, Wilson, MI (Sr. Y.C. Only)
- 8/20 - E-board Swearing in Ceremony, Community Center, 10am
- 8/23 - Dinner & Talking Circle with Barb Peltier, Tribal Lodge, 5 - 8pm

**Pow Wows & Festivals**

- 8/3 - 8/5 - Native Fest, Ziibiwing Cultural Center, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 8/5 - 8/7 - Saginaw Chippewa Contest Pow Wow, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 8/13 & 8/14 - Leonard J. Pamp Traditional Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
- 8/13 & 8/14 - LTBB Contest Pow Wow, Harbor Springs, MI
- 9/3 & 9/4 - Kee-boon-mein-kaa Contest Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
- 9/27 - Indianapolis Native American Heritage Day Festival, Indianapolis, IN

**Traditions and Repatriation Committee**

- 8/22 - Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

**Upcoming Events**

- 9/2 - Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing, Pow Wow Arena, 6-8pm
- 9/2 - Women's Water Walk, Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, Sunrise

August 2011  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Elder's Language Class	2	3 Men's and Women's Drumming;  Native Fest	4 Native Fest	5 Blending Christianity and Native Ways; Native Fest; Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow	6 Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow;  Youth Council, Employee Picnic Volunteering
7 Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow	8 Elder's Language Class Canceled;	9 Potawatomi Language Conference	10 Potawatomi Gathering;  Potawatomi Language Conference	11 Potawatomi Gathering;  Potawatomi Language Conference	12 Potawatomi Gathering;  Potawatomi Language Conference	13 Leonard Pamp Pow Wow; LTBB Pow Wow; Potawatomi Gathering
14 Leonard Pamp Pow Wow;  LTBB Pow Wow	15 Elder's Language Class	16	17 Men's Drumming	18 Language Workshop with John Winchester	19	20 Youth Council, Swearing in Ceremony
21	22 Elder's Language Class;  Native Healing;  Trad. & Rep. Meeting	23 Youth Council, Talking Circle;  Native Healing	24 Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Mastermind Series (Staff Only); Native Healing; Women's Hand Drumming	25 Women's Sweat Lodge	26	27 Indianapolis Native American Heritage Day Festival
28	29 Elder's Language Class	30	31 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	1 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	2 Women's Water Walk;  Introduction to Pow Wow Danc-	3 Kee-boon-mein-kaa Pow Wow



## Department of Education Updates and Announcements

### Skono Gizhguk Go (Back) to School Day

Sunday, August 7

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

11:00 a.m.	Arrive at Pavilion
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Events and Workshops
3:15 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Open registration for the K-12 Program at the Department of Education located in the Administration Building.
12:30p.m.–3 p.m.	Health Walk

Join us in celebrating our students' academic achievements and their participation in Pokagon summer programs. Register your child for the 2011–2012 school year and receive backpacks and school supplies. Forms will be mailed in July. If you need extra forms, please contact our office at (269) 782-0887 or e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Backpacks and school supplies are available at the Pokagon Band Department of Education office Monday through Friday, 9 am–5 pm.

Backpacks will be available before and during the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow at the Department of Education Office in Dowagiac.

- Friday, September 2 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Saturday, September 3 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Sunday, September 4 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Department of Education office is closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for:

- All Pokagon Band Citizens in grades Pre-K through 12.
- All Native American students from federally-recognized tribes attending public school in the 10-County Service Area.
- All Native American students from state-recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10-County Service Area.

In order to receive backpacks, school supplies, and other services, parents of eligible students must complete the 2011–2012 Application for Pre K–12 Services form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian. A photocopy of the child's tribal identification card must also be enclosed. Please note that if anyone other than the legal parent/guardian is planning to pick up a backpack, that person must bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with a copy of the student's tribal identification card.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Connie Baber at the Department of Education (888) 330-1234 or (269) 782-0887.

### Summer Tutoring

Just a reminder the Department of Education has limited offerings for summer tutoring. Please call our office for more details, (269) 782-0887.

### A Nation that Reads Reading Program

We are off to a great start towards our goal of reading 2011 books; as of July 14 we have 970 books read. If you have not signed up yet, please stop in, fill out a form or call (269) 782-0887 for more information. Active participants will receive a t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing when our goal has been met. We will celebrate reaching our goal with a pizza party and ice cream bash. Keep up the good work!

## Head Start News

We are accepting applications for the waiting list for the 2011–2012 school year.

- The application deadline was June 1, 2011.
- Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 School Year.
- Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID.

If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

### Pokagon Band Head Start

- School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
- We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
- The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.
- The program does accept children with disabilities.

### Upcoming Events/Closures

- **September 1** Open House for enrolled children and families
- **September 5** Head Start office closed in observance of Labor Day
- **September 6** First day of school for the 2011–2012 school year
- **September 21** Closed in observance of Sovereignty Day
- **September 29** First Family Fun Night of the year 6:00–8:00 p.m.

### Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins, etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

### Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for:

- Play dough
- Wet wipes
- Outdoor play toys
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubbles
- Glue sticks
- Lysol Wipes
- Art supplies
- Ziploc Bags (quart & gallon size)
- Hats & gloves

## August is National Immunization Awareness Month

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country, so it is important to make sure your family and friends are up to date on their immunizations. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that once routinely killed or harmed tens of thousands of infants, children and adults. Maintaining high immunization rates protects the entire community by interrupting the transmission of disease-causing bacteria or viruses. This reduces the risk that unimmunized people will be exposed to disease-causing agents. This type of protection is known as community, or herd, immunity, and embodies the concept that protecting the majority

with safe, effective vaccines also protects those who cannot be immunized for medical reasons. By keeping up to date on your immunizations you are protecting yourself, your family, and your loved ones.

Because children are particularly vulnerable for infection most immunizations are given in the first five to six years of life. Some immunizations are recommended throughout the adolescent and adult years, while special vaccines may also be administered to international travelers. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children receive vaccines against diphtheria, influenza, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, polio and others. Adolescents should receive vaccines against influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal

disease, pertussis, human papillomavirus, and any missed vaccinations. Adult vaccines include influenza, pneumococcal, tetanus, shingles (herpes zoster), diphtheria, and pertussis.

All vaccines are available through the Pokagon Band clinic at no cost to tribal citizens. If you don't have a vaccination schedule for you or your loved ones, please contact one of our clinic nurses so that they can pull up your vaccination schedule and let you know what you or your family member is due for. You can contact the health clinic to speak with a nurse or schedule an appointment at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234.

## Breastfeeding is a Gift of Life

**By Susan Gundersen, community health nutritionist**

August 1–7 marks the 20th Anniversary Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week. Breastfeeding is a natural part of Native American heritage, and honors the tradition native people. It is a special gift that a mother can give which strengthens not only baby, but mother, family, and the community.

What are those special gifts contained in breast milk?

Research abounds documenting the many benefits that include the perfect balance of nutrients that a baby can better absorb and digest. This can result in fewer digestive problems and greater nutrient absorption. More benefits include:

- Breast milk is bacteria safe
- Breastfeeding is cheaper and more convenient
- It builds immunity that results in fewer infections and illnesses, which can prevent fewer hospitalizations or trips to the health care provider
- It is associated with reduced risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Long term breast feeding can lower the baby's lifetime risk of chronic diseases, such as type 1 and 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol



- Breastfeeding produces healthier body weights that are less likely to result in obesity as adults
- It may lower the chance of food allergies and/or food intolerances
- Emotionally, breast feeding can assist with bonding between infant and mother.

Moms may also benefit when breast feeding; it can lower their own lifetime risk for getting Type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, or breast and ovarian cancer when breastfeeding for more than 12 months. She also may experience a lower blood pressure before, during, and after a breastfeeding session.

At the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services the registered dietitian and certified lactation consultant is available to answer your questions about mother and infant nutrition, assist with feeding concerns, and provide educational resources to support breastfeeding. Call (888) 440-1234 to learn more about electric or manual breast pumps that are available for loan and ask to speak with Susan Gundersen, dietitian.

## The Pokagon Pennant Project

**HAIL TO THE VICTORS!**

**GO CREAM AND CRIMSON!**

**GO GREEN! GO WHITE!**

**GO BELLES!**

**GO LAKERS!**

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pendants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).





## Position Open on Pokagon Band Ethics Board

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to serve as a member of the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. The Ethics Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Code of Ethics by Pokagon Band officials and employees. The Ethics Board meets approximately once each month, depending on the needs of the Board, and will meet at additional times as may be needed to address ethics complaints and other specific matters. Typically, meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Band's Sink Road offices. Ethics Board members will be expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaged in other Ethics Board activities. The Code of Ethics is available at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government.htm>.

**COMPENSATION** Ethics Board members will be compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 for attending Ethics Board meetings, provided that Board members receive additional compensation of \$50 for each hour that a Board meeting exceeds three hours in length within a twelve-hour period. In addition, Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Ethics Board business.

**ELIGIBILITY** Candidates for the Ethics Board must have:

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

In addition, no person shall be appointed to the Board who is:

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of 21;
- (c) A public official or public employee, or their immediate family members (as those terms are defined in the Code of Ethics); or
- (d) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS** An Ethics Board member will be appointed by the Tribal Council upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee, which is composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Pokagon Band Elders Council. Ethics Board members serve three year terms of office and must meet all applicable qualifications under Chapter Four of the Code of Ethics.

**HOW TO APPLY** Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran  
Tribal Council Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Ethics Board, the Code of Ethics, or this notice may be directed to the Ethics Board Chairperson, Ronald Sorce, at (269) 462-4286 or [ronald.sorce@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:ronald.sorce@pokagonband-nsn.gov). Additional information concerning the Ethics Board may also be found at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/committee/ethicsboard/>.

### DEADLINE

The letter of interest and résumé must be received by 4:00 p.m., October 1, 2011.

## Notice of Carpenter Apprenticeship Openings

Tribal citizens and/or spouses of tribal citizens interested in the Pokagon Band Carpenters Apprenticeship Program may contact the Pokagon Band Human Resources Department to obtain an application between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be a tribal citizen, or the spouse of a tribal citizen
2. Be at least 18 years old
3. Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D

You must bring proof of the above listed, verifying you are eligible for the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program, when you come to complete an application.

In addition, to move through the selection phase of the process, you will need to complete the items listed below. Items A, B, and C must be completed before the final Interview, listed in item D below. They do not have to be completed in sequential order, but all must be completed:

- A. ☐ Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Application
- B. ☐ TABEs testing and score at a ninth grade level or above
- C. ☐ OSHA 10-Hour class and pass the exam at 70 percent or above
- D. ☐ Final interview

When all the above steps have been completed, you will move into the applicant pool. Your scores will be evaluated and you will be given a final rating and placed on a ranking list according to your scores with the applicant having the highest score being at the top of the list, and all other applicants then listed in descending order based on scores.

To complete your TABES testing:

- Contact one of the test administrators at Michigan Works to schedule an appointment.
  - i. Jim 782-9864 Extension 1313
  - ii. Addie 782-9864 Extension 1300
  - iii. Lindsey 782-9864 1314
- TABE tests are given on Tuesday at 9:30 and Thursday at 9:00
- Michigan Works is located at:
 

601-D Front Street  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Band will be offering one additional OSHA 10-Hour Class, before the November 1 registration deadline. The notice regarding the OSHA 10-Hour Class will be listed in the next Legislative Edition.

Your final step is to interview with the Apprenticeship Steering Committee. You will be notified of the date, time, and place for the next final interviews.

Further information is available by contacting the Human Resources department or going to the Apprenticeship Program link under the Careers section of the Pokagon Band web page:



[http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Apprenticeship\\_Program.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Apprenticeship_Program.aspx)

## Employment Opportunity

To reduce costs, we will now be posting jobs in either the *Legislative Edition* or the *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. To apply for a position please visit: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career\\_Opportunities.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx)

If you have any additional questions, please contact Heather Farver:

Email: [heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

Office: (269) 462-4267

### Current Career Opportunities

#### Potawatomi Language Instructor– Department of Language and Culture Closing Date: Friday, August 12, 2011

##### Job Summary

Works with the Director of Language and Culture to teach Potawatomi language to learners of all ages.

##### Principle Duties

- Promote the survival and continued vitality of the Potawatomi language.
- Encourages participation by tribal community in educational and preservation activities.
- Provides language instruction for language learning activities, including a master/apprentice program, workshops, camps, classes, and other special events, in cooperation with appropriate tribal staff and committees.
- Seeks out best practice models for second language learners (all age groups) and available resources/models for immersion programs.
- Creates a culturally appropriate learning atmosphere.
- Maintains a safe, physical environment for good instruction and learning.
- Meets with other tribes' language program staff to develop and nurture relationships and partnerships.
- Assists in annual evaluation of language activities.
- Attends job related meetings, trainings, and travel.
- Represent the tribe's position if requested by the Government Manager or Tribal Council to promote the best interests of the tribe to resolve concerns when necessary.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

##### Position Requirements

- Fluent or advanced Potawatomi language speaker.
- A comprehensive and detailed understanding of Potawatomi Bimaadziwin Kinoomaadiziwinan (life teachings).
- 5 years of teaching experience.
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Willingness to travel.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule to accommodate evening and weekend events.
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to meet minimum insurance requirements regarding driving record in order to utilize GSA vehicles.
- Must be willing to submit and pass an alcohol/drug screening and criminal background check.

##### Preferred Qualifications

- Basic computer knowledge and internet skills.
- Position specific certificate if applicable.

##### Indian Preference

Pokagon Band Indian preference policies apply.

##### Reports to

The Potawatomi Language Instructor reports directly to the Director of Language and Culture.

##### Starting Wage Rate: Contract. Negotiable.

Commensurate with education and experience plus benefits.

## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture



**Date: Friday,  
September 2, 2011**

**Time: 6-8pm**

**Location:  
Pow Wow Arena**

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

## Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing



Kick-off your Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow celebrations with *Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing*. George Martin, the pow wow's Head Veteran, will join us to discuss pow wow protocol and teachings. Netawn Smith, a women's fancy shawl dancer, and RJ Smith, a men's traditional dancer, will share teachings and techniques about men's and women's dance styles. Everybody is invited to attend, please join us!

### Contact Information

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*  
(269) 462-4261 office • (269) 783-6198 cell.  
[Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## August & September

**Dates:**  
Monday - Wednesday  
August 22 - 24, 2011

Monday-Wednesday  
September 19-21, 2011

**Individual Appt. Times:**  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Co-ed Sweat Lodge:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

**Location:**  
Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Visiting with Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture



## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). If you are looking for a sweat, Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on August 24th and September 21st at 6:00 pm.




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Your Input is Needed! Home-Based & Small Business Needs Assessment

Would you like to start your own business? Or do you already have a business and need some business related assistance? If you answered “yes” to either question, the Housing Department’s Financial Empowerment Program wants to hear from you! Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, is busy planning a series of business-related workshops to start this Fall. In order to plan the most helpful workshops possible, input is needed from both tribal citizen-entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs. If you are either interested in starting a home-based or small business, or already have an existing business, please answer the following questions. We’d love to hear from you! **All completed surveys will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.** Surveys must be received no later than September 15. One entry per person. Must be 18 years old to enter. Be sure to completed the contact information section.

 You may also download this survey from the Department of Housing & Facilities webpage. [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Financial\\_Empowerment.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Financial_Empowerment.aspx)

The Department of Housing’s Financial Empowerment Program is planning a series of business related workshops. If you are interested in starting a home-based or small business, please answer the following questions.

1. Are you interested in starting a business? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where would you locate it? City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered “yes,” please skip questions 2 thru 4. Complete questions 5 thru 12 in reference to help you **would** need if you decide to move forward in starting a business.

2. Do you have a business now? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where is your business located? City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long has your current business been operating? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What **financial topics** do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.  
☐ sources of financing  
☐ financial record keeping  
☐ pricing  
☐ reducing overhead costs  
☐ tax issues  
☐ collecting debt  
☐ other – please list: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What **business management** topics do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.  
☐ use of computer  
☐ managing time  
☐ handling work/family issues  
☐ marketing products/services  
☐ inventory control  
☐ insurance  
☐ working with employees  
☐ other – please list: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What **business planning** issues do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.  
☐ business plan  
☐ dealing with growth  
☐ diversifying products/services  
☐ legal issues  
☐ market research  
☐ other – please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in attending a workshop on any of these topics? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If yes please list the top 3 topics:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

8. If you were to attend a business workshop, what day of the week would you prefer for the workshop?  
☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

9. Which months(s) do you prefer? Please underline all that apply.  
Jan. Feb. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

10. What time of day do you prefer for a 2-1/2 hour workshop?  
☐ weekday 10 :00 am– 12:30 pm ☐ Saturday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
☐ weekday 1:00 – 3:30 pm ☐ Saturday Noon – 2:30 pm  
☐ weekday 6:00 – 8:30 pm ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Would you be interested in having space available to use such as in a business center or business incubator ? If so, please check all the following uses that apply.  
☐ work space – please specify kind: of space needed  
☐ office space – cubicle  
☐ office space – enclosed office  
☐ retail space – sq. footage needed: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.  
☐ work space – industrial setting: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.  
☐ conference room space – for how many people \_\_\_\_\_ people  
☐ other space – please describe \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you interested in attending a Native American entrepreneurship expo/business fair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Would you be willing to serve on work group to plan workshops or other home-based or micro business programs to meet the needs of Pokagon Band tribal citizen-entrepreneurs? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If you answered “yes,” please be sure to give your name and contact info below.

**Contact information (optional)**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please share any comments or questions you have:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_


You may return this survey one of several ways - by 1) cutting it out and either dropping it off or mailing it to: Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, Department of Housing, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, PO Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047; or 2) faxing it to 269 783-0452 or 3) emailing a scanned copy to Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Val Janowski can also be reached at (269) 462-4255.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. By doing so, you help us plan to serve you better.

Veterans Wall of Honor Planned for Community Center

To honor its warriors, the Pokagon Band is planning to create a Wall of Honor at the new Community Center. Veterans and service members or families of the warrior are invited to send a photo of the warrior, to be framed and placed along with other Pokagon warriors to commemorate their service.

Information about where to send the photo, and a form asking for details such as name, branch of and dates of service, and rank will be available on the Band’s website.

 Visit [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Ogitchedaw\\_Veterans.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Ogitchedaw_Veterans.aspx) to learn more.

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 2 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 8 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 9 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 15 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 16 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 20 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am  
(changed from second Saturday for August)
- 22 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 23 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 29 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 30 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1 (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Wage and Salary Commissioner Reelected

July’s issue of Pokégnek Yajdanawa featured a profile of Pokagon Band wage and salary commissioners. The Wage and Salary Commission is responsible for preparing recommendations to Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels of the Tribal Council, judges and other appointed officials. In the tribal elections last month, Jim Tabaszewski was reelected to serve on the commission; below is a profile of him.

Tabaszewski lives in Flushing Michigan and has been married for 32 years to his wife Debbie. Together they have three daughters and two grandchildren, with another on the way. He has served as a member on the Salary Commission for the last year and a half, and has found being a member exciting, challenging and the work worth doing.

“As an Elder I believe involvement is the key for the continued success and is the future of our tribe,” he said. “I have also been instrumental in organizing informational meetings between General Counsel and our citizens living outside of our Band’s ten-county area. I enjoy serving our tribe in any way I can.”

Tabaszewski serves on his church’s session as a ruling elder and has been clerk of session for the last eight years. His latest interest is kart racing with his brother Mike.

“We have my daughter April and my niece Taylor driving in three separate classes.”

Department of Housing Gets a New Home

The Department of Housing is moving from its present location in the administration building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan to the tribe’s brand new community center building, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac. Housing staff will be occupying only the two small office areas of the Community Center. The rest of the facility will be available for community use as originally intended.

The new facility is located just south of Southwest Michigan College and Pokégnek Edewat, the tribe’s housing development on Dailey Road. It is situated between Mathews and Peavine

Streets. The move is expected to take place by mid-August. Telephone and fax numbers for the department will remain the same: (269) 782-0443; fax: (269) 783-0452.

Construction of the new building was funded in large part by a competitive grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which was made possible by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, commonly known as “stimulus” funding. The building features a wide range of green construction features including solar and geothermal heating, a partially vegetated roof and a heat sink.

Department of Language and Culture presents

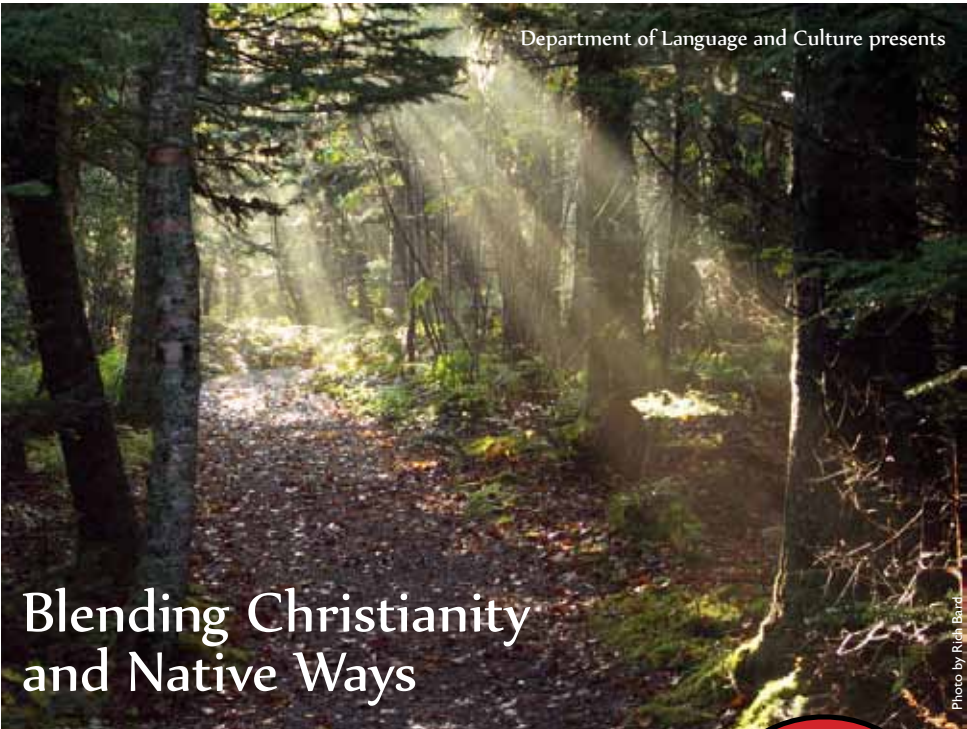
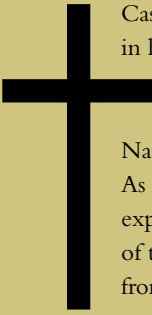



Photo by Rich Bard

Blending Christianity and Native Ways

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5



Casey and Lora Church will share their life’s journey in how they strive to live a life that honors their Native culture and traditions and their Christian faith. With sensitivity, they will share some common fears and anxieties some Native Christians feel toward Native ceremonies, rituals and practices. As well, each will take a personal approach that conveys their personal experiences and ways they have found to enrich their lives and the lives of their children that respects the teachings from the elders, advisors, and from the Bible.



Elder’s Hall 1–2 PM, Tribal Lodge 5–8 PM

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.



## Elders Council Business Meeting | July 7, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:03 am.

**INVOCATION:** Majel DeMarsh

**ROLL CALL:** : Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey) Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** The pilot program for Elders has been approved by the finance board. It now must go before Tribal Council for their approval.

Pictures for the Elders book will be taken July 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27, 2011. Hours are 2:00–8:30 pm. Call Audrey at 782-7913 to make an appointment.

Post cards will be sent to the Elders that are at a distance and unable to drive here.

MIEA signup has been closed. Elders signup sheet for the gathering has been closed. A paramedic has been hired for the bus trip to the gathering. A sheet was put out asking where the Elders would like to go, Branson, MO or the PowWow in Minnesota. The majority vote was for Branson, MO. More information will be forthcoming. It was also discussed that a \$10.00 deposit will be required of all people that will be riding the bus. This deposit will be returned when you board the bus. This will be discussed further.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**MINUTES:** The May minutes were read, Clarence moved to accept the minutes, Ruth supported, (4) yes, (1) abstained, approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the treasurer's report, Jeanette supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We need donations for the MIEA auction, Gerald, Hal, Ruth, Faye, Ray, Bonnie, Linda, all agreed to donate.

MIEA is asking for a \$500.00 donation to the scholarship fund. Two weeks in November there will be an exhibit at the Indiana State House Rotunda featuring the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. We will know more about it when we attend the meeting on July 13, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Elders picnic will be held July 28, 2011 at the Tribal Lodge. Bingo will be played along with some other entertainment.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Carl Wesaw Family who lost their lovely daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Lepal, Ken Kirvan, Patsy Carney, Ken Radar.

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul & Vivian Jackson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Ken, Supported. (5) yes. Adjourned at 12:50.

Adjourned at 12:50 pm.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

### Womens' Drum Practice and Sweat Lodge

AUGUST GUEST PRESENTER, BARB PELTIER

#### Drum Practice

Wednesday, August 3rd  
Tribal Lodge  
6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 24th  
Tribal Lodge  
5:00-9:00 pm

#### Sweat Lodge

Thursday, August 25th  
Gage Street  
3:00-9:00 pm

#### Individual Wellness Assistance Appointments

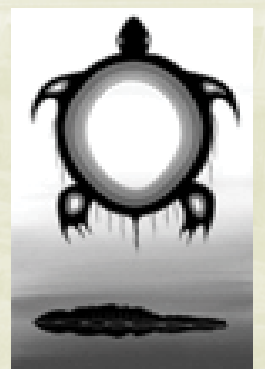
August 23rd & 24th  
Language & Culture Office, Conference Room  
1:00-5:00 pm

#### ALL LADIES AND GIRLS WELCOME!

By special request, we are pleased to bring back Barb Peltier as a guest presenter for the August 24th hand drumming class. We'll begin with a drum birthing ceremony and then learn hand drum teachings and songs. Barb will also run the women's sweat lodge on August 25th. Sweat preparation will begin at 3:00 pm with the sweat lodge ceremony starting at 6:00 pm.

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast after the drum classes and sweat lodge.

Also, call Andy Jackson to schedule an individual wellness assistance appointment with Barb for mental, emotional, or spiritual assistance for the afternoon of August 23rd or 24th.



#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

#### Everyone is Invited!!

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## Notice to Pokagon Band Elders

If you send in your snapshot for the Elders book, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will return your photos. If you have any questions, please call Audrey at (269) 782-7913.

Please, no professional photos.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdel		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and Julie Farver will return your call as soon as possible.

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band’s Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band’s Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen’s name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band’s Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at 269-462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4277	Brenna Jennifer Orns
857	Peter John Ramirez	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2493	Joseph Nathaniel Guillermo	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2587	Tyler Edward Rouse	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
2717	Zachary Taylor Huffinan	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
3037	Micah Joechim Price	4463	Albert Anthony Huerta
3273	Julius Brighton Rummage	4464	Jesus Isreal Huerta
3341	James Howard Gideon III	4465	Rameado Jesus Huerta
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4466	Mariah Ann Huerta
3763	Arianna Mae Morseau	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3764	Jordan Michael Morseau	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4719	Oliver George Bounds
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
3959	Anissa Elain Patzer	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4736	Joseph Manuel Cruz
3978	Ashley Marie Wildey	4737	Bella Sophia Cruz
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4738	Mia Alizey-Paige Cruz
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4113	Steven Allen Hossler Jr.	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4904	Tara Lee Ferguson
4170	Illianna Marie Bush	4907	Daryl Thomas Hall
4171	Silas James Bush	4910	Lauren Angel Iturbe
4190	Luke Gregory Marunycz	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4191	Jacob Leo Marunycz	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel

The document must be received by July 15 in order to make it on the August check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777.

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds Per Capita Information

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
P O Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
OR fax to: 269-782-1964



monday

1

Buff and Biscuit w/ Mixed Veggies  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Blueberries and Strawberries

8

language

Chicken Stir Fry w/ Fresh Veggies  
Brown Rice  
Tomato Salad  
Fortune Cookie  
Banana Wafer Pudding

15

language

Beef Chili  
Broccoli Slaw  
Fresh Fruit  
Cornbread

22

language

Low Sodium Ham, Turkey or  
Tuna Sub  
Assorted Veggie Toppings  
Baked Lays Chips  
Strawberry Pie

29

language

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Spinach Salad  
Apple Pies  
Roll

tuesday

2

Roasted Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple  
Roll

9

Grilled BBQ Pork Chops  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cucumber Salad

16

Grilled Ham w/ Peppers  
and Pineapple  
Red Potato Salad  
Tomato Salad  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

23

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Tomato Salad  
Pears/ Plums/ Roll

30

Buffalo Spaghetti  
Garden Salad  
Broccoli  
Garlic Bread

wednesday

3

Pork Barbeque Sandwich  
Macaroni Salad  
Tangy Red Slaw  
Waldorf Salad

10

Turkey Pita Pocket  
Assorted Veggie Tray  
Baked Beans  
Peach Crisp

17

Sea Bass  
Spanish Rice  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Peaches  
Roll

24

Grilled Chicken  
Sweet Potato  
Tri-Blend Veggies  
Frozen Fruit Bar  
Roll

31

Bean Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie Tray  
Peach Cobbler

thursday

4

business

Cube Steak w/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Zucchini and Summer Squash  
Melon Salad  
Roll  
Cake

11

Buffalo Tacos w/ Lettuce, Tomato,  
Onion, Beans, and Cheese  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Fruit Cocktail

18

social

Chicken Pot Pie w/ Mixed Veggies  
Cottage Cheese  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Fruit Salad  
Roll

25

Buffalo Meatballs  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Strawberries  
Roll

friday

5

Baked Salmon  
Rice Pilaf  
Garden Salad  
Cherry Crisp  
Roll

12

Vegetable Soup  
Egg Salad  
Assorted Breads  
Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit

19

Veggie Burgers  
Baked Fries  
Relish Tray  
Blueberry Pies

26

Tomato Soup  
Tuna Macaroni Salad  
Relish Tray  
Broccoli Slaw  
Pudding Cup

august

Hot weather alert: A person can live several weeks without food, but only a few days without water. Drink plenty of water and fluids daily

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

Elders Council Directory

Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765

Jean Mollett, Chair (269) 463-5355	Clarence White, Treasurer (269) 876-1118
Kenneth Rader, Vice Chair (269) 876-7797	Ruth Saldivar, Member at Large (269) 409-8283
Audrey Huston, Secretary (269) 591-4519	

Tribal Office Directory

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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



# August announcements

Congratulations on your high school graduation, **Malik Birks**.  
From your parents & grandparents



Congratulations on your junior high graduation, **Ja'ire "Tank" Birks**.  
Love, Mom



Happy first birthday, **Leah Grace Pear**, August 5  
Love, Great-grandpa Bob Rider



Happy birthday **Derrick, Jr.**  
From, Mom, Dad & Family



Happy birthday, **Jacquyn**  
From, Mom, Dad, & family

Wow, five years already! Happy anniversary **Karen and Corey Simington**.  
Love you both, Mom  
**Seth Hargett**, happy birthday to a smart guy.  
Enjoy your day!  
Love, Aunt Martha

Here's wishing **Jessica Hargett** a very happy birthday.  
Have fun!  
Love, Aunt Martha



To our daughter, **Eliana Hope Parker**:  
We are so happy that you have done so well. You graduated from eighth grade from Valley Oaks Elementary with the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence along with the school Citizenship Award in June. We wish you much luck and lots of blessings for high school. We know you will go far. Also happy 13th birthday on August 25.  
We love you, Mom, Dad and your sister Esther.

Happy 27th birthday **Glen Charles Wesaw**, July 3. May you have all the fun and happiness you can get!  
Love, Mom



Happy first birthday **Lillian Regan Wesaw**, August 5  
Hope you have lots of fun!  
Love, Grandma



**John N. Low**, who became a tribal elder in July of this year, will be awarded his Ph.D. on August 19 from the program in American culture at the University of Michigan. His studies focused on American Indians, and his dissertation Chicago's First Urban Indians – the Potawatomi, explores the ongoing connections between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the city of Chicago. Low also has a J.D. and a graduate certificate in museum studies from the University of Michigan, and an M.A. in the social sciences from the University of Chicago. He may be the first Pokagon Band citizen to hold two doctorates. While researching and writing his dissertation, he served in a variety of positions, including executive director of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, Illinois and as a visiting professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Low has previously served as a tribal council member and as tribal attorney. Low received a Pendleton blanket from the Pokagon Band Education Department to honor his most recent academic achievement. John has accepted a position as a visiting assistant professor at Northwestern University beginning this fall. Low credits much of his success to the support of his family and the financial assistance of the Pokagon Band Education Department.



Congratulations Tabitha and Christopher Lang and big brother Gabriel on the birth of **Nicholle Marie**, June 8 in Fremont, Michigan. She was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 18 inches long!

## Want to Learn How To Stretch a Dollar? You're in Luck

The Department of Housing's Financial Empowerment Program invites you to attend its August workshop, *Steps to Financial Freedom*. A wide range of important topics will be covered, including:

- Taking stock of your present finances
- Setting goals
- Developing a spending plan
- Saving in order to achieve your goals
- Using credit wisely
- Investing for the future
- Taking advantage of tax advantages
- The ins and outs of insurance
- Keeping good records— an absolute must!
- Good advice for all

The same program will offered at three different times:

- Tuesday, August 16** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 16** 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Saturday, August 20** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

A light meal will be served. Please advise whether child care is required. The workshops will be held in a new location, the recently relocated office of the Financial Empowerment Program, 415 E. Prairie Ronde St., Dowagiac, Michigan. The site is located in the front office section of the old National Copper Products/ Sunstrand Building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy Road.

Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: (269) 782-0443, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

September 2011

### Education Department Recognizes Student Achievement and Prepares for the New School Year

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Education Department recently held its annual Skono Ghizhguk | Back to School event to honor students for achievements from the previous school year and get them ready for the start of the upcoming year. Nearly sixty tribal citizens attended the event, which was open to students entering preschool to twelfth grade.

“We distributed forty backpacks filled with school supplies to students at the event,” said Penny Brant, education coordinator for K–12. The backpacks and duffel bags featured the Pokagon Band seal and were filled with paper, binders, colored pencils and markers. “Students were able to get a free haircut at the administration building as well.” Lunch was served in the Tribal Lodge, and Health Services hosted family health walks. Other activities included board games, frisbee golf, corn hole toss, and ladder golf.

“The event was a success and people had a good time,” said Brant. “Overall, we were very pleased with the turnout and got the students excited about starting or returning to school.”

An awards ceremony recognized student accomplishments during the 2010–2011 school year. “Students were acknowledged for being on the honor roll, participating in extra-curricular activities, and attendance.” The event is held at the end of the summer so that students attending summer school and other activities can be eligible for the awards.

“This event serves and an opportunity to make tribal citizens aware of the resources available for Pokagon youth,” said Brant. “Students can get help paying for extra-curricular activities, supplies and fees associated with college applications.”

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### Families Walk for Health at Back to School Event

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

At the August 7 Back to School Day event the community health team organized a family health walk through the trails at Rodgers Lake. The day started with lunch provided by the Education Department under the pavilion at noon, and the walk began at 12:30 p.m.

The trail covered about a mile. Along the way walkers saw signs posted showing how far they had walked and the calorie counts for certain foods that could be burned off by walking this distance. At 120 yards walkers learned they had moved enough to burn off one M&M candy. By 240 yards walkers had burned off one peanut M&M. At the half-mile distance the calories burned equaled one package of apple dippers from McDonald's, and at one mile walkers had exercised enough to burn off 14½ M&Ms and a half of

a McDonald's hamburger. This information helped families to see how much bodies have to work to burn off some common foods.

Clearly, this shocked people. “Ok, we have to ask,” said one participant. “Is that one peanut M&M for walking 240 yards, or one bag of peanut M&Ms?” They were surprised to find that a 240-yard walk burns the calories contained in one peanut M&M.

Though it rained at the beginning of the day the sun eventually came out and thirty five walkers—19 children and 17 adults—participated in the family walk. Participants received a Defeat Diabetes lunch bag containing educational information on portion sizes, diet, exercise, and immunizations. Community health staff hosted an educational table and a first aid station as well.



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## Pokagons Enjoy Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation

Forty-five Pokagons boarded a bus early on the morning of August 9, bound for the annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation. It was held this year at Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, Michigan through August 13. Later that day, after a bus ride following the eastern shore of Lake Michigan filled with movies, bingo and other activities, the travelers met up with nearly 20 other Pokagon Band citizens arriving in Wilson for the Potawatomi Language Conference, during August 10, 11 and 12.

The next few days were packed with activities for everyone and lots of great weather. During language classes and workshops on how to craft wooden spoons, over sports tournament and a comedy show, attendees mingled, shared food and connected with new friends and old.

One highlight of the week was the inaugural meeting of the directors of the Potawatomi language programs.

"We really made some progress with language revitalization efforts as a nation," commented Teresa Magnuson, the Pokagon Band director of language and culture.

The Pokagon Band showed particularly well in the competitions. The volleyball team of Zeke Fletcher, Teresa Magnuson, Colin and Cassondra Church, Jennie and Jamie Brown earned a first place. In the 3-on-3 basketball tournament Inteus Dixon played on the first place-finishing team in the 13-17 year-old division, while Stan Morseau Jr. and Sam Morseau's team won first place in the over-30 category. Mark Morseau placed first and Jordan Morseau placed second in the chess tournament for the 13-17 year-old age group. In cribbage, Broderick Race earned first place in the 13-17 year-old category, while Stan Morseau Jr. won first place in the over-30 division. Jamie Brown came in first in the 17-39 year-old division of the 5k race, and Teresa Magnuson placed second. Jennie Brown won first in the over-40 division of the 5k, and Mark Morseau placed second in the 13-17 age group. And the Pokagon Band's own Skylar Ballew was crowned Miss Potawatomi Nation.

The weekend finished Saturday evening with a fireworks show commemorating the 75th anniversary of Hannahville's federal recognition, and the passing of the staff to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band, who will host the Gathering in 2012. The next morning the bus headed home, completing the circle tour of Lake Michigan by traveling south through Wisconsin on the western shore.

Thanks to the Hannahville community for planning and hosting a lovely event.



Left to right, Jennie Brown, Jamie Brown, Colin Church, Zeke Fletcher, Cassondra Church and Teresa Magnuson made up the first place finishing Pokagon Band volleyball team.



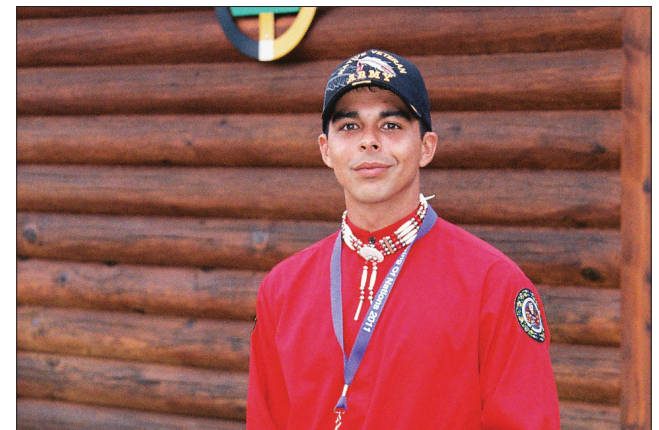
Left to right, Shelly Herrera, Sharon Pratt and Deborah Mahoney.



Skylar Ballew and family. Photos by Melissa Rodriguez.



Young Pokagon men at Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation in August.



Matthew Garza, color guard member.

## Education Department Recognizes Student Achievement and Prepares for the New School Year, *continued*

All Pokagon youth enrolled in preschool through twelfth grade attending a public school and residing in the ten-county service area are eligible to receive \$50 reimbursement for each school year for school-related items and extra-curricular activities. Parents and guardians must complete the application available on the Pokagon website and submit the original receipt for expenses.

The High School Success Support Program offers junior and seniors with up to \$100 to be used toward college application fees. Students may also receive payment for one ACT or SAT exam during their junior or senior year and payment for a basic cap and gown.

Students who were unable to attend the event may have their backpack mailed to their home. Simply download the application under the Education Department on the Pokagon website, and return the completed form. Additional information on student resources are also available online.



[http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Backpacks\\_and\\_School\\_Supplies.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Backpacks_and_School_Supplies.aspx)

## Pokagon Band Tribal Offices Closing for All Staff Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2011  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



## Pokagon Elders Participate in Photo Shoot for Creation of an Elders Directory

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In July the Elders Council organized an Elders photo shoot to collect portraits for the creation of a Pokagon Elders Directory. This directory is being made to honor the Elders and create a historical record for future generations.

“My goal is to include more history than what you might find in a typical directory,” explained Jean Mollette, chair of the Elders Council. “Eventually, I would love to create a full tribal directory, but we are starting out one for just the Elders.”

Mollette had the idea for a directory about six months ago and went to the Tribal Council to share her thoughts. After getting the green light to develop an Elders directory, Mollette arranged a photoshoot and hired Lifetouch as the photographer. With many Elders living outside of the area, letters were sent out requesting photos to be submitted for inclusion in the directory.

“I was just flabbergasted by how well everything went,” explained Mollette. “I insisted on a turtle blanket backdrop in addition to the traditional blue. Some Elders came in their full regalia and some wore ribbon shirts.”

Mollette’s main goal is to increase recognition of Elders. The directory is intended to honor the Elders who built the foundation upon which the tribe stands today. “We would not be where we are without the efforts of our Elders,” said Mollette. “They deserve to be recognized and remembered for their dedication to the tribe.”

“The photographer was excellent, and we had a great turnout,” said Mollette. “I hoped to have 200 Elders participate, and we had 130 in attendance.”

Mollette envisions the directory including a few pages of Pokagon history, a picture of the old and new Elder’s Hall and a group picture of the former and current Elders Council. The directory would

include a picture of each elder, with their name and hometown. There will be pages dedicated to Elders living outside of the area and a list of Elders who did not submit their pictures.

In January, Mollette hopes to embark on another new project aimed at preserving the memory of our Elders. “We will be mailing letters out and asking people to submit pictures of their elderly family members,” said Mollette. “Ideally, I want people to go back a couple of generations.”

Mollette and other Elders are very excited to see the finished product. To ensure that the Elders directory is as complete and accurate as possible, all Elders who have not submitted a photo of themselves are asked to do so no later than September 20. Please send them to Elders Council, 58620 Sink Road, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

## Pokagon College Students Learn About Tribal Culture and Gain Real World Experience

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Several tribal citizens enrolled in college were able to get some on-the-job experience this summer through the Pokagon Band’s internship program.

“This is the second year of the program,” explained Marie Willis, director of education and the program’s coordinator. “This year, we opened it up to students with a permanent residence outside of the service area.”

“These internships are open to all majors,” said Willis. “To be eligible for an internship next summer, students must have completed at least one semester by spring 2012 and be enrolled in fall classes.”

The program benefits the interns by giving them experience in their field of study. Additionally, they gain a better understanding of tribal government and culture. “For many interns, this was their first exposure to the tribe,” said Willis. “They have developed relationships and received valuable mentoring from their supervisors.”

Alex Wesaw, a senior at Ohio University, found the internship to be extremely valuable. “I really enjoyed meeting all of the directors and listening to their needs and concerns in regards to the Seven Grandfather Teachings project that I got to work on,” said Wesaw. “The most valuable part of my experience was getting the opportunity to work for the tribe and learn more about the culture and



Left to right: Dosh Campbell, Justin Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Jamie Brown, Cory Ridenour, Alex Wesaw, Natalie Stauffer, John Morseau and Richard Newcomer.

government. As someone coming from outside the ten county service area, this was extremely valuable and I am thankful that the opportunity was available to me.”

Wesaw served as an intern in the Human Resources Department and worked on many projects. He worked with all directors and supervisors to develop competencies for each of the positions that report to that particular director or supervisor. Wesaw was then asked to integrate the Seven Grandfather Teachings into the Pokagon Band’s evaluation system. “I developed a way for directors, supervisors and employees to justify why they felt they deserved the

rating that they gave themselves or to their employee on the evaluation system,” explained Wesaw.

Wesaw is seeking a degree in communications with a focus on organizational communication and public advocacy, and the experience he gained throughout the summer related well to his field of study. This internship helped him realize that he has a desire to work in tribal government in the future, and he hopes to return after graduation to help out in any way possible.

At least one of the ten interns received course credit for their internship. The availability of course credit is determined by each individual college and university. Interns were paid \$10 per hour and received \$1550 in additional assistance for clothing, mileage reimbursement and housing.

The application for internships in the summer of 2012 will be available on the Pokagon website in November 2011. Many departments have expressed interest in taking on an intern next summer including Tribal Police, Health Services, Housing, Human Resources, Finance, Communications and possibly Tribal Court and the Department of Natural Resources. Previous interns are encouraged to apply, however preference will be given to those who are new to the program.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



IT Department Does Its Part to Care for Mother Earth

If you’ve recently upgraded your computer, printer or cell phone to the latest technology, don’t just toss the old machine in the trash. Electronics contain heavy metals, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. If these toxins make their way into a landfill, air, soil and water quality are all at risk.

Instead, join the Pokagon Band Information Technology Department by recycling your used electronics. On the last Monday of each month, a Benton Harbor, Michigan organization called Bridges to Digital Excellence comes to tribal headquarters to pick up the

government’s outdated computers. Bridges then tries to refurbish the computer, and gives it to a family in need (along with a free six months of dial up internet access). Or the machines are taken apart, and whatever can be recycled will be.

“Very little gets thrown away,” says Julie Allen, Pokagon Band’s IT administrative assistant who helps coordinate the recycling. “And it’s free. Most places you have to pay to recycle.”

The Pokagon Band has been partnering with Bridges to Digital Excellence since Earth Day in 2011.

In fact, it was such a hit that not everything fit for the first haul. Now the IT department is encouraging citizens to take advantage of the recycling program. Please bring any electronic item you wish to recycle to the commodities warehouse Saturday, September 24 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

“If it has a plug, they’ll take it,” says Allen. “They also take used printer cartridges. The only exception is items containing freon.”

If you can’t make the September 24 date, bring your electronics on Monday, September 26 between 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Or, call Julie Allen at (269) 462-4269 to set up another time. Bridges can provide a certificate of destruction and a receipt of donation for tax purposes, if desired.

Recycling also ensures that valuable materials such as steel, glass, and plastic, as well as precious metals such as copper, gold, tin, silicon, and aluminum are reclaimed for the manufacturing of new products. Reusing and recycling raw materials from electronic waste conserves natural resources and avoids air and water pollution.

- Culture
  - 9/2 | Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing, Pow Wow Arena, 6-8pm
  - 9/17 & 9/25 | Pottery with Jason Wesaw, Rodgers Lake, 10am-4pm
- Drumming
  - 9/7 & 9/21 | Men’s Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
  - 9/7 & 9/21 | Women’s Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm
- Language
  - Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
  - 9/22 | Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm
- Native Healing
  - 9/19 - 9/21 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
  - 9/21 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- Native Nations Youth Council
  - 9/10 | Cultural Activity, Rodgers Lake Long house, 10am
  - 9/24 | Business Meeting, Finance Conference Room, 2pm
- Pow Wows & Festivals
  - 9/2 | Women’s Water Walk, Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, Sunrise
  - 9/3 & 9/4 | Kee-boon-mein-kaa Contest Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
  - 9/9 - 9/11 | Indian Summer Festival, Milwaukee, WI
- Traditions and Repatriation Committee
  - 9/26 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm
  - 9/24 | Fall Ceremonies, Rodgers Lake, Long house, 7:30pm
- Upcoming Events
  - 10/14 & 10/15 | Community Wellness Gathering: Traditional Parenting, Location

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	2 Women’s Water Walk	3 Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow
4 Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow	5 Offices Closed; Elder’s Language Class Canceled	6 Elder’s Language Class	7 Men’s and Women’s Drumming; Joanne Shenandoah	8	9 Indian Summer Festival	10 Indian Summer Festival; Youth Council, Cultural Activity
11 Indian Summer Festival	12 Elder’s Language Class	13	14	15	16	17 Pottery with Jason Wesaw
18	19 Elder’s Language Class; Native Healing	20 Native Healing	21 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	22 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	23 Lunch-and-Learn (Staff Only) Sovereignty Day Concert	24 Fall Ceremonies; Sovereignty Day Celebration; Youth Council, Business Meeting
25 Pottery with Jason Wesaw	26 Elder’s Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	27	28 Men’s and Women’s Drumming	29	30	



## Summer School Keeps Kids' Minds Sharp Over Vacation

Forty-five Pokagon children engaged in fun and learning through group and one-on-one instruction during the Department of Education's four-week summer school program. Starting in July and running through the first week of August, certified teachers, education associates, college and summer youth interns taught classes Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students aged kindergarten through sixth grade participated in morning academic sessions stressing reading and math skills. Hands-on learning included all core subject learning areas, art activities, physical activities, and language lessons. Students had fun while participating in arts and crafts, cooperative games, technology, a field trip, and much more.

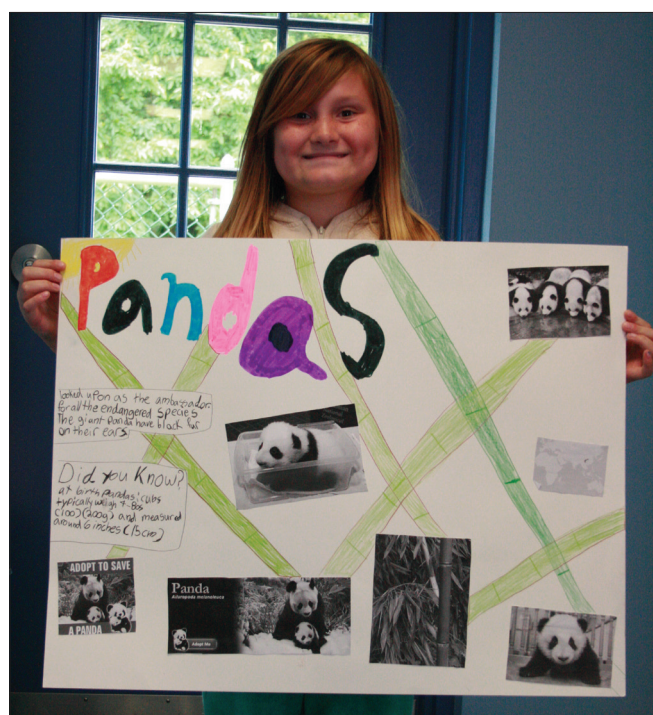
Afternoon sessions focused on cultural and Potawatomi language sessions along with some academic workshops and physical activities. The last week of summer school included a trip to the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Indiana and an afternoon of field day activities such as Frisbee golf, foot races, and shooting hoops.

Pokagon Band Summer School is a great way to help students retain core academic skills learned over the school year, and to further their knowledge through positive interaction, creative instruction, and physical activities.

## Summer School Poster Contest Showcases Art and Knowledge

Classroom #3 held a poster making contest during summer school. Each student researched one animal, discovered five interesting facts about it, and created a poster to showcase the animal. When they were done, the other summer school students voted on the posters to determine a winner. The fourth grade winner was

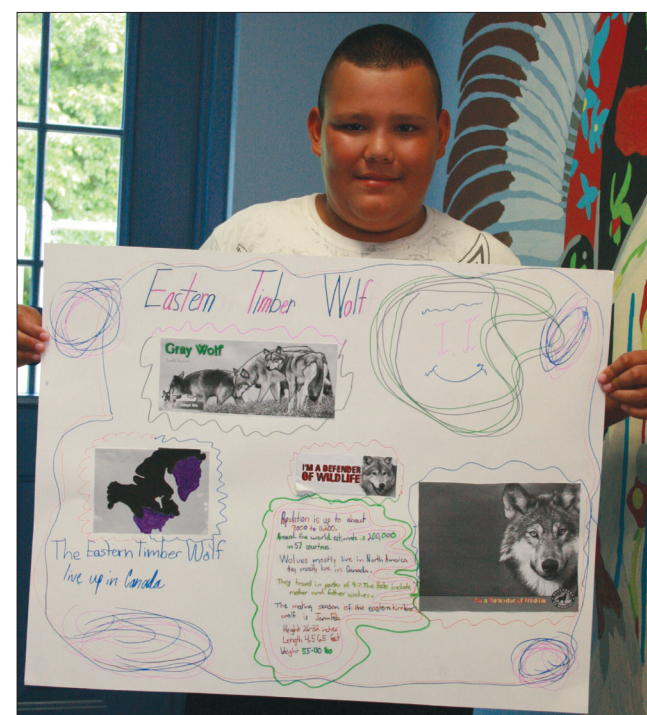
Gracie Wilkinson, fifth grade winner was Kelcey Gillette, and sixth grade winner was Derrek Collett. Their posters are now on display in our library; stop in and check out the winning entries.



Gracie Wilkinson, fourth grade winner.



Kelcey Gillette, fifth grade winner.



Derrek Collett, sixth grade winner.

## Behavioral Health Earns Three-Year Accreditation

Congratulations to the Department of Health Services and its behavioral health program for earning a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or CARE CARF. CARE CARF is an international, independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. The accreditation reinforces the department's commitment to serve citizens with professional and compassionate care, and supports the integrated care at Pokagon Band Department of Health Services.

Over the last year Health Services achieved new standards with the following accreditations:

Case management/services coordination: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health

- Integrated behavioral health/primary care: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for adults (a new accreditation)
- Integrated behavioral health/primary care: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for children and adolescents (a new accreditation)
- Outpatient treatment: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for adults
- Outpatient treatment: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for children and adolescents

"This new perspective of health care focuses on the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual of human development," says Patricia Holbrook, behavioral health clinical coordinator for the Department of Health Services. "The department is bringing services to the citizens that meet these new standards, and embracing with spirit patient-centered services and the integrative care model."

## Items from Four Winds Find New Homes

It used to be that lost and found goods at Four Winds Casino Resort were held for 15 days, and if not claimed they were given to Goodwill, the Salvation Army or other social service agencies.

Scott Brewer, the vice president of security at Four Winds, saw another use. Now, items left at the casino, including remainder promotional items, are delivered to the Pokagon Band and distributed to tribal citizens in need through the Department of Social Services.

"We had canes, jackets, blankets, you name it," says Brewer. "This is the right thing to do."



Scott Brewer, vice president of security at Four Winds Casino Resort and Jason Wesaw, tribal government manager.



## Summer Enrichment Gives Students Chance for Fun, Learning

*Lexis Heineman wrote this note after using funds from the Summer Enrichment Program to attend a YMCA camp near Muskegon, Michigan*

Hello! This is my second year participating in the youth summer enrichment program. I went to YMCA Camp Pentalouan with my brother and cousin. We got to go there last year too. I had the best time ever! This year when we got to our cabins, I ran into some of the girls from last year, and we were so excited to be able to see each other again. Friendship means a lot to me. Some of the girls are from places like Georgia and New York.

At camp I got to do a lot of things, like paddle surfing, canoeing and horseback riding. (My horse's name was Boink! I know! Weird name for a horse, right?) I was in the fine art academy and I made a beautiful canvas painting with dry brush strokes, and won an award for it. We learned the differences between brushes and strokes, shadow painting and made molded clay bowls.

I was interviewed by the news! I told them I was a Native American and that I belong to the Pokagon Band, and that we own Four Winds Casino Resort. I also had to tell them the worst part of the camp: my mom took my lifeline, my Android! But I ended up being happy anyway, because of all the fun we were having and all the friends I go to meet.

We had a skit at the end of the week where my cousin and I did a cheer. It was so much fun. Every part of camp was fun. The food was great, counselors were awesome and it was the best time of my life. I would recommend this for all kids, because it's an amazing experience to just get away from the outside world and be with kids your own age and just be kids. I do have to say my least favorite thing was the bugs! You should see my legs.

Here's to you, Pokagon Band! Without you I wouldn't have had this awesome time of my life.

Thanks again, Lexis Heineman



Lexis Heineman paints at YMCA Camp Pentalouan.  
Photo © The Muskegon Chronicle

## The Pokagon Pennant Project

**HAIL TO THE VICTORS!**

**GO CREAM AND CRIMSON!**

**GO GREEN! GO WHITE!**

**GO BELLES!**

**GO LAKERS!**

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pennants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



## Seniors Mark High School Graduation with Awards Banquet



Chkukmoen Topash and his mother Christina Pienkowski enjoy the banquet.

Nine Pokagon Band high school seniors attended the Department of Education awards banquet in August at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac. Gage Warren (Pokagon Potawatomi) and Chinodin Atkinson (Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwa) opened the evening with hand drum songs and Marie Willis, director of education, welcomed the guests. Some students brought along achievements from their scholastic years to display at the event. Attendees enjoyed a catered dinner and played a guess-the-college game and competed

for prizes. The seniors received gift bags with a Pokagon Band mug and a \$50 gift card. Cassondra Church accepted the invitation from the graduates to share some thoughts, and delivered a speech of inspiration and encouragement to the audience. It was a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.



## Men's Health and Wellness Fair Scheduled for October 6

Some familiar and some new activities are sure to grab attention October 6 at the Department of Health Services 16th Annual Men's Health and Wellness Fair. If you are age 18 or older, please join us from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. in both health services buildings at 57392 South M-51, Dowagiac.

This event features health topics and sessions on hearing and vision screenings, back safety, physical checks including height, weight, body mass index, body composition scans, blood pressure, foot care, immunizations, and flu shots. Educational booths will include information on nutrition, and diabetes prevention and topics from our pharmacy. It will also be a last opportunity to sign up for the Walk the Path, St. Lawrence River before the October 31 start date.

Please call and schedule now if you want a full physical and blood lab tests with Dr. Sherburn or nurse practitioner Shirley Grassflower.

Be sure to join us to share a light supper, mingle with health services staff, and get a massage, manicure, haircut, and a goodie bag.

A grand prize raffle will be conducted during the last half hour using the tickets you received when you participated in the various health screenings. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at (888) 440-1234 and ask to speak with Susan Gundersen at extension 343.

## Oval Office Memories: Stories from 9/21/1994

Were you in the Oval Office on September 21, 1994? Come share your story of the day President Clinton signed the reaffirmation of your tribe's sovereignty. One of the sessions scheduled for the Sovereignty Day celebrations September 24 will feature citizens who witnessed history telling their stories. Please contact Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, at [Teresa.magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4296, if you are willing to participate.

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# Sovereignty Day Celebration



## events

### community center

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony at Community Center  
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Community Center  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony / Flag raising Ceremony at Community Center  
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Drive to Rodgers Lake

### rodgers lake

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Session 1  
teachings Fire & Water interactive Nature Walk history Potawatomi History  
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break  
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Session 2  
teachings 4 Medicines interactive Storytelling history Sovereignty  
12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Session 3  
teachings Language interactive Black Ash history Oval Office Memories:  
Basket Making Stories from 9/21/1994  
1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break  
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Youth Council Business Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Session 4  
teachings Fire & Water interactive Storytelling history Potawatomi History  
2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break  
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Session 5  
teachings 4 Medicines interactive Black Ash history Sovereignty  
Basket Making  
3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break  
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Session 6  
teachings Language interactive Nature Walk history Minors Trust Update  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Shishibe (Potawatomi Bingo)  
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fall Ceremonies

## more information

**Date** Saturday, September 24, 2011 | **Contact** Teresa Magnuson  
**Time** 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. | **Phone** (269) 462-4296  
**Location** Edawat Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac  
and  
Rodgers Lake  
**Email** [Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to citizens and staff.

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



### Dates:

Wednesday, September 7, 2011  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

### Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Office: (269) 462-4261



Each month we would like to honor two students who have shown extraordinary achievements or improvements in the classroom, and two students who have achieved excellence in extra-curricular activities. A student who has demonstrated high marks, great improvement, excellent attitude, perfect attendance, or a strong work ethic could earn the academic excellence recognition. The extra-curricular award could go to a student who has excelled, improved or worked hard in such extra-curricular activities as sports, fine arts, clubs, organizations (like boy or girl scouts), or community-related programs. Education staff will pick a winner from each category, every month from three grade levels (K–5, 6–8, and 9–12).

If you have questions, or would like a blank application contact Connie Baber at (269) 782-0887.

**Send to: Pokagon Band Department of Education  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Fax: 269-782-0985 or E-mail: [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov)**

## Sister Lakes Marathon Now Offering Fuel Tax Exemptions to Tribal Citizens

### Plus Other Michigan Tax Agreement Updates

Starting September 1, tribal citizens can receive motor fuel tax exemptions at the Sister Lakes Marathon station, located at 92064 CR 690, across from Myers grocery store, between Dowagiac and Watervliet, Michigan.

The Pokagon Band Finance Department will no longer be able to reimburse any gas receipts that are more than two months old. According to the tax agreement the Band must report all gas receipt refunds to the state on a timely basis in order for the tribe to be reimbursed for the monies that the tribe pays the gas stations.

Just a reminder, gasoline purchases should be paid for inside the gas stations so that the tax exemption is given at the time of the purchase, unless the attendant informs you the machine is out of order, or you lose

your enrollment card. If you lose your card, you may call the Enrollment Department at (269) 782-8998 as soon as possible to get a replacement.

If you need to submit a gas receipt to us, and are unable to bring it into the office here, you can also send it through the mail and we will add it to your next per capita payment (and it won't be taxed). Please be sure to put your name and enrollment number on all submitted receipts.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Rodriguez, accountant in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998, ext. 210 or Julie.Rodriguez@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



[http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/State\\_Tax\\_Agreements.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/State_Tax_Agreements.aspx)

## HIS Place Community Center Renovation Almost Complete

The July issue of *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* mentioned that the Pokagon Band helped purchase exercise equipment for HIS Place in Hartford, Michigan, and that the center is available for the tribal community to enjoy. The center in Hartford is currently in the midst of renovation and maintenance, but their reopening date and calendar of events will be published soon in the tribal newsletter and on the Pokagon Band website.

This opportunity will hopefully get more area citizens involved in physical activity. The gym area and the weight room are free of charge. In the upper deck they offer such classes as Zumba and yoga. There will be a charge for the specialty classes once they are back up and running. We hope that members will take advantage of this great center. Please feel free to contact the center directly with questions, (269) 621-2144.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture presents

# Sovereignty Day Concert



**Date** Friday, September 23, 2011  
**Time** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Location** Community Center  
 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac

**featuring**

- Gene Tagaban (Tlingit/Cherokee)
- Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians (Anishnaabe)
- Don Burnstick (Cree)





Please join us for a Sovereignty Day concert celebrating the strength and spirit of the Pokagon Band and its 17th anniversary of federal re-affirmation. The Pokagon Band is honored to host nationally-renowned Native performers **Gene Tagaban, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians, and Don Burnstick.** The evening's festivities will kick off with the Pokagon Band's very own champion drum group, the **Ribbon Town Singers.** Moving the evening along will be storyteller, flutist, and master of ceremonies, Gene Tagaban. Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians will get you on your feet with popular songs such as *Indian Car* and *Frybread*. Then Don Burnstick will have you rolling in the aisles with his Native-style comedy performance, best suited for adults.

**Contact** Teresa Magnuson | **Phone** (269) 462-4296 | **Email** Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to the public. Admission is FREE.

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## Pottery making with Jason Wesaw

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Sunday, September 25**  
 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
*must commit to both days*

**Rodgers Lake**  
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac

Andy Jackson Cultural Specialist  
 E-mail  
 Andy.Jackson@Pokagonband-nsn.gov  
 Office: 269-462-4261

Everyone is invited!  
 If you are interested in learning Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



## Chairman's Column

Hello everyone. First let me extend my appreciation to Paige Risser, director of communications for allowing me some extra time to write my article. It has been an extremely busy time as I'm sure you all can agree. Between work and family there is little time for rest and meeting some deadlines, so thank you Paige.

I will work from most recent events backward. I write this column the day after the first of what I hope will be many citizen meetings in our new community center. I hope you will all agree the facility is beautiful and should serve our citizens well. We will host all future Saturday meetings and quarterly events in this building. The next scheduled event will honor our veterans and POWs on Saturday, September 24, which is also our Sovereignty Day celebration. Watch your mailbox for more information on this celebration, and I strongly encourage you to come out and help us honor our veterans for their service, not only to this nation but our tribe.

While it was a good turnout for our combined Council and citizen meeting on August 20, I would really like to see more participation. The best way to minimize misinformation is to attend in person or watch on the webcast. We had a good meal in between the two and I hope that everyone understood the information we shared. We were committed to staying until every question was answered and we did that. I appreciate newly-elected Council member Trudy Loeding clearing up the misconception on the RAP amendment. Most of us currently on Council were not on Council when that amendment was approved; so Trudy, as RAP co-chair and Council member at the time, was very helpful in providing her recollection of events and clearing up the details. Thank you. It was also a time for the swearing



Members of the Tribal Council, the Junior and Senior Youth Council, and the Wage and Salary Commission are sworn in at the community center August 20

in of new Council members, wage and salary officials and our newly-designated Youth Council. To have all incumbent council members re-elected sends a good message that our citizens approve of the work we are doing in our efforts to improve their quality of life. Thank you for that support and we commit to continuing our efforts. Council is not naive enough to believe we will make everyone happy, but we are doing our best. As I mentioned, while the turnout for the meeting was good, it can always be better. I think the count was over 100 citizens, with nine to 15 tuning

in at different times to the webcast. The meeting was recorded, and tapes will be available in the near future if you would like to review the information that was shared. I appreciate the presentation by our casino general manager, Matt Harkness and I hope everyone is excited about the opening of Four Winds Hartford and the expansion of Four Winds New Buffalo. We truly have a property that we all can be proud to say is ours. The increase in revenue generated and the details of the refinancing, as everyone could see, will allow us to provide an increased stipend from this point forward and we should be debt free within six years. That, in and of itself, should make everyone proud of the efforts Council is making for the future of our tribe. Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project. I could go on, but it would be better if you have questions to get a copy of the meeting and review it. If you still have questions, please contact anyone on Council or our finance director, Anita Grivins, and we will make sure you have the answers.

One week ago many of us attended the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community. They were great hosts, again, and I think everyone had a memorable time visiting friends and family. The focus, as it should be, was maintaining the language. We have serious work ahead of us but I'm sure our people are up to the task to make sure we do not lose our language. There was a great turn out for the pow wow and the arena was full of veterans from all of the Potawatomi nation, which was beautiful to observe. We owe a great deal to our men and women who have served and are serving this country.

The day before the Gathering I was contacted by the White House with an invitation to meet the president during his visit to Holland, Michigan. While I have met presidents in the past, it was an honor to meet President Obama due to his support of Indian Country. He has done more than most of the previous presidents combined, but there is much more that he can and should do for Indian Country. This photo is just a glimpse of what takes place when a president travels to other venues. I have been on that end of those events several times in my work as a



trooper. The cargo ship is what transports many of the vehicles used by the president's motorcade, in some cases there are two. For this trip Air Force One landed at Gerald R. Ford in Grand Rapids. The president was then motored over to where Marine One (his helicopter) was stationed and then he flew to the factory parking lot where he toured and then addressed the crowd. In all, there were several SUVs, all filled with armed agents, and five helicopters, three Chinooks and two Marine helicopters (you don't know which one carries the president). Watching how the agents

handle the events of travel is an amazing process, and most citizens never get an opportunity to understand or see the tremendous amount of logistics involved in moving the president from one location to another. It was a privilege to introduce myself to him as the chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Thank you for allowing me that honor.



The presidential cargo plane lands in Michigan.



Michigan tribal leaders meet with Governor Rick Snyder.

I also had the opportunity to represent the citizens of the Pokagon Band at the inaugural Tribal Leaders Summit with recently-elected Michigan Governor Snyder. The meeting was hosted by the governor in the Cabinet Room in the Romney Building. I thought the meeting went very well, and I look forward to continuing our relationship with the governor's office. Two people very familiar with native issues are on the governor's staff: chief of staff Dennis

Muchmore and Michael Gadola, director of legal affairs. The next meeting will be hosted by one of the tribal nations next summer. The governor has committed to continuing these summits. We should give serious consideration to hosting next year.

We also had a very good visit with staff from Indiana Lt. Governor's office in during our tour of the state capitol. As most of you have heard, we have been invited down during the month of November to use the state capitol and display our culture and traditions to all who visit during that time. The main event will take place on the 22, at which time we will be formally met by the Lt. Governor who will speak and then we will be speak. The details of events are being worked out by a committee but I want to acknowledge the work of John Warren who has spearheaded this relationship for the past several months. Thanks again John for your work and efforts. There will be more details as this event develops. I encourage all who are invited to please participate. This is a true opportunity for us to show who we are as a proud people who have never left the area which is now called the state of Indiana.

In closing, things are moving fast for our tribe. Council is committed to doing our best, but it is much easier with your participation. Like I commented during the citizen meeting, it is much better if you talk to us and not about us. If you're not talking to us, we don't know the full extent of your concerns. I hope to see many of you at the Grand Opening of Four Winds Hartford and our Council meetings. Remember, my door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello.



Pokagon leaders pose at the Indiana state capitol.

New Tribal Hiring Preference Policy Approved by Tribal Council July 18

Talent Database

The Department of Human Resources will develop and maintain a Talent Database for Pokagon citizens and Pokagon spouses. Individuals who desire to work for the government in either a part- or full-time capacity should complete an application on the Pokagon Band website to become part of the Talent Database. Once an individual has submitted a Talent Database application, they will receive hiring preference for positions in which they are qualified for and have indicated they may have an interest in. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the HR Department updated with any change of address, phone number, education level, and current/past employment. Applicants are able to withdraw from the talent database at anytime.

Hiring Procedure

Before a position is posted, HR staff will search the Talent Database. HR will then contact only the individuals who meet the requirements of the position and have indicated an interest in that type of work. If the applicant is interested in the open position, they will receive the opportunity to apply. HR will interview the top five candidates and make a job offer to their top candidate.

If there are no interested and/or qualified applicants in the Talent Database, the opportunity will be opened up to tribal citizens and spouses of tribal citizens who have not submitted their application for the Talent Database. The job opening will be posted on the Pokagon Band website and in either the Pokégnek Yajdanawa or Legislative Edition. The position will also be posted out to non-citizens. Anyone who is interested in the position will need to apply online on the Pokagon Band website. HR will apply preference during the screening process of the applications.

Make sure to continue to check the website for job openings and to submit your application for the Talent Database. [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career\\_Opportunities.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx).

Please contact Heather Farver at (269) 462-4267 or [heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov) if you have any questions regarding the new hiring preference or applying for the Talent Database.

Preference at a Glance

- 1. Qualified Pokagon citizen(s) from Talent Database  
*if no citizens from talent database*
- 2. Qualified Pokagon spouse(s) from Talent Database  
*if no spouses from talent database*
- 3. Qualified Pokagon citizen(s)  
*if no citizens*
- 4. Qualified Pokagon spouse(s)  
*if no spouses*
- 5. All others



Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

Now that school is starting we will be adding more structure to the Youth Councils monthly scheduled meetings and activities. We will hold cultural activities on the second Saturday and business meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month.

- This month's cultural activity will be held September 10 at 10 a.m. We will help repair the long house at Rodgers Lake with guidance from Clarence Syrette. The long house has been damaged by the summer storms and needs repair for Fall Ceremonies.
- The business meeting will be held September 24 at 2 p.m in the Finance Conference Room. Junior Youth Council will learn about how to hold a meeting and E-boards roles. Senior Youth Council will begin planning future programs and activities.

Junior Youth Council meetings and activities are open to Pokagon citizens and JOM eligible students in the 7-12 grades.

Senior Youth Council meetings and activities are open to Pokagon citizens 18-24 years old.

Contact Information

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Youth Cultural Coordinator  
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[katy.morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:katy.morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)



Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

- 1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
- 2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
- 3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
- 4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
- 5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
- 6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.



## Elders Council Business Meeting | August 4, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:02 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Jim Topash

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P.

**AGENDA:** Troy Clay, gave a report on Mno-Bmadsen, what's been done in the past year and what the future plans are. The offices are located at 415 E. Prairie Ronde. Telephone (269) 783-4111 or (269) 605-9608.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Sam Morseau talked about his job as Cultural Director in Washington State. Kim Johnson from Casual Tees brought some samples of tee shirts and shirts that we might be interested in purchasing. No decision has been made on this.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bonnie Parrish gave a report on the MIEA conference. Susan Laursen and Ruth Saldivar, two of our members, were selected as volunteers to serve on the election committee. Voting will take place at the October 2011 meeting. Little River will be the host for the October 2011 meeting.

There are still no details on the Indianapolis event.

The Nekomas/Mishomas scholarship and incentive fund was disbanded due to the lack of participation. This money was raised by Jeannie Mollett, Margaret Rapp and Audrey Huston by selling popcorn and popsicles at pow wows.

The remaining money \$646.50 was donated to the Head Start program, where it will put to good use.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jeanie gave a report on the book and pictures, more information will be forth coming. The 50/50 money can be spent as the membership would like. The Branson trip is filled.

**MINUTES:** The June minutes were read, Ruth moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (4) yes, approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the treasurers report, Jeanie supported, (4) yes, approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret Rapp and family. Dan Rapp, one of our most respected Elders, who worked many years to help us get where we are now, passed away August 2, 2011. Rest in peace; we will miss you.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:** Loraine Gideon, Hal Wiggins, Norma Miller, Pat Shear, Jenny White, Lynn Davidson.

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:** Fred & Joyce Klemm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Jeanie supported. (4) yes, adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

\*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

## Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 5 No meeting, Labor Day
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 17 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 19 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 26 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 27 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1 (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

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DATE: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER: 19-21, 2011

TIME: 9:00-12:00 P.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: TEACHING CABIN

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

Individual appointments: Monday-Wednesday (please bring tobacco).

Co-ed sweat lodge on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist

Office: 269-462-4261

E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Native Healing

Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at (269) 782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdel		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band’s Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band’s Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen’s name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band’s Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
857	Peter John Ramirez	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3959	Anissa Elain Patzer	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4170	Illiana Marie Bush	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4171	Silas James Bush	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel

ELDER S LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

September

**Dates:**  
Every Monday  
September 5  
(Holiday, Offices Closed)  
September 6  
(Make-Up for the 5)  
September 12  
September 19  
September 26

**Time:**  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Elders Hall

Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project’s resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



**Contact Information:**  
Teresa Magnuson, *Director of Language & Culture*  
(269) 462-4296 • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
P O Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by September 15 in order to make it on the October check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.



monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

# september

Business and Social lunches will be held at the new Community Center at the Elders Village.

5 closed Labor Day

6

7

8

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12 language

Pork Loin and Sauerkraut  
Egg Noodles W/ Gravy  
Green Beans  
Ambrosia Salad

13

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and  
Cheese Casserole  
Cucumber Salad  
Melon Tray  
Cornbread

14

Burgers/ Whole Wheat Bun  
Corn on the Cob  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

15

social lunch

Buffalo Meatballs and Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Italian Ice

16

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Red Beans W/ Rice  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Brownie

19 language

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Spinach salad  
Apple Pie  
Roll

20

Ham and Bean Soup  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt W/ Fruit  
Cornbread

21 closed Sovereignty Day



22

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Fruit

23

Tomato Soup  
Tuna Macaroni Salad  
Relish Tray  
Broccoli Slaw  
Yogurt Cup

26 language

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Fresh Fruit

27

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Apple Crisp

28

Chicken Parmesan over noodles  
Butternut Squash  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Frozen Fruit Bar

29

Salmon Patty  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mixed Vegetables  
Cucumber Salad  
Fresh Fruit

30

Vegetable Lasagna  
Tri-Blend Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Fresh Fruit

Business and Social lunches are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



# September Citizen Announcements



Congratulations to **Chloe Evans** for taking first place in the 2800 Class Youth Garden Tractor Pull and **Aaron Evans** for taking 4th in the 2801 Youth Garden Tractor Pull at the Berrien County Youth Fair. We are very proud and love you both very much.

Chloe and Aaron are the children of Tiffany Wesaw Evans, grandchildren of Lois Wesaw and great grandchildren of Gerald Wesaw Sr.

Way to go, Bell and Buddy!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kiko and Papa



Happy 5th birthday  
**Lizzie Mae!**  
Love, Mom and Dad

Bozhoo mezodanen hello family,  
We want to take this time to say chi megwetch to all who were very helpful in our time of need.

First of all, thanks to **Dale Anderson** for his help with our dad's journey home. And to the firekeepers, our brother **Shawn Dixon**, **John Morseau**, **Dustin Dixon**, **Thomas Lewis** and **John Winchester**. Thanks to **Lucinda Smith**, **Chico Dixon** and **Crystal Morseau** for feeding and looking after our firekeepers.

Thanks to the **veterans** for their support and military rites. And to the **Ribbon Town Singers** for their beautiful honor songs. Thanks to **Tod Miller** for his beautiful hand drum song.

Thank you to the Anishnabekwe who helped with the feast: **Lucinda Smith**, **Georgianna Morseau**, **Lorraine Gideon**, **Peggy McNew**, **Jackie Gereroux**, and all who cooked for our family. Thanks to **Peggy McNew** and **Charity**, the kitchen cleaners.

Thanks to **Tribal Council** for support and for the use of the kitchen, the fire pit and cabin. Thank you to **Kevin Daugherty**, **Clarence Serette** and **Kateri Dayson** for your support and help with our chaos. Also for everyone who helped with prayers, support and good words. Thank you **Don and Della Sturgeon** for being such good medicine people for our father's spiritual journey, and everyone else who loved our father as we did.

Megwetch again,  
Angel Morseau, Shawn Dixon, George Morseau and Cleora Morseau



Proud of our Hartford hometown heroes: **U12 girls all-star softball team**, champions of the Lakeshore Tournament. What a season you girls had!

Many thanks to the coaches, Paula Genereaux

Tribal citizens: Head coach **Eric Brown**, back row, left; **Joey Riley**, second from left; **Isabella Miller**, fourth from right; **Amara Wesaw**, third from right. Front row, **Sara Rice**, second from right.



Congratulations **David and Brianna** on your new beautiful baby girl, **Isabell Paige Wesaw**, born August 7, 2011, 5 lbs., 14 oz., 21 inches long.

## Financial Empowerment Program | Making Ends Meet When Money is Tight

Times are tough. Money is tight. What's a person to do? Which bills do you pay and which bills do you let slide? How can you increase income? For answers to tough questions in this difficult economy, attend the September workshop of the tribe's Financial Empowerment Program!

- What:** Making Ends Meet When Money is Tight – A workshop on personal finance
- When:** Same workshop topic, presented three different times to accommodate different schedules:
- Tuesday, September 13th: 10:00 am –12:30 pm
  - Tuesday, September 13th: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
  - Saturday, September 17th: 10:00 am –12:30 pm
- Who:** All adult Pokagon Band tribal citizens, spouses/partners and parents of Pokagon Band minor children
- Why:** To strengthen the personal finance skills of Pokagon Band families

- Where:** New location! 415 E. Prairie Ronde. St., Dowagiac, MI (the former National Copper Products building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy streets)
- Entrance on Louise St. on west side of building – look for yellow signs
- What else?** Each workshop will begin with a short cultural presentation. A light meal will be served.
- Every month a different topic on personal finance will be offered. Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: 269 591-1938, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Please let her know no later than Friday, September 9th, whether child care is needed.





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

October 2011

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### Tribal Citizens Celebrate the Opening of Four Winds Hartford

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

On Tuesday, August 30, the Four Winds Hartford officially opened its doors for business. But before the public was allowed to try their luck at the casino, tribal citizens celebrated by attending Pokagon Non-Gaming Family Days and the Pokagon Live Gaming Day.

Pokagon Family Days were held on August 27 and 28, and all ages were welcome to participate in the festivities. Although no gaming took place, citizens and their immediate families were able to tour the new facility and received complimentary dining at Timbers or at an outdoor barbecue. Tribal citizens received a commemorative gift and were entered in drawings for prizes. Fourteen citizens each won \$100 Four Winds gift cards, seven Saturday and seven Sunday. Events included a sunrise ceremony, a Grand Entry, posting of the flags and tribal dances.

On August 29, tribal citizens and a guest over the age 21 were invited to Pokagon Live Gaming Day. In addition to complimentary dining at Timbers or the barbecue, \$100 in instant credit was given to each person. Due to limited seating in the restaurant, many people opted for the barbecue held in a large, air conditioned tent outside.

Jack Williams and his wife, Kimberly, from Niles, Michigan took advantage of the opportunity to see the new casino and walked away with some cash in their pockets. "It is like a mini version of the casino in New Buffalo," said Jack. "This is our first time gambling and we are each walking out with money in our pockets." Jack won \$52 while Kim won \$65.

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Photo by Samantha Cook

### Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Draws Thousands

The 26th annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa contest pow wow drew thousands of people to Rodgers Lake Labor Day weekend. Dancers and drummers from around the Great Lakes and attendees from all over the region sampled native food, browsed for native art and enjoyed each other's company. This year the weekend featured a performance by a native comedian, and by a hoop dancing troupe. Attendees, like the ones pictured above, could learn how to make such cultural items as copper bowls, baskets or shawls.

### Walk Brings Awareness to Importance of Waters

By Andy Jackson, cultural  
associate

Despite some hot and humid weather, the 4th Annual Pokagon Women's Water Walk Friday, September 2 was an event that the community can be proud of. This year, over 40 people, a mix of children, youth, adults and elders, participated to make a record number of walkers.

The temperatures were high, but everyone's dedication came forth. We completed an amazing walk, and had a few blisters to prove it. The walkers were making everyone aware of the importance of keeping our waters clean, and the deep dedication we have to educating our youth of today and for the next seven generations to come.

We held a sunrise ceremony at Gage Street property in Dowagiac that morning. After a breakfast we walked 15 miles from there to the tribal campus at Rodgers Lake. This act of walking honors and prays for the waters of the Pokagon Band homelands, and passes on these teachings to others.

The women's water walk was created in 2008 after a group of native elders came through southwest Michigan during a walk around the perimeter of Lake Michigan. This group walks around a Great Lake each spring to raise awareness about the toll pollution is taking on the water of this region. These elders asked the Pokagon Band women to carry this message, and organize their own water walk.

Igweyek to everyone who helped in making it all come together and special thanks to

- Clarence White for doing the morning ceremony
- Pokagon Band Health Services for water, snacks and a light lunch
- Elders Council representatives and Petey Beohm for driving the cooling van
- Tribal Police for their boat and for traveling alongside us for safety
- DNR's Grant Poole who paddled me to the spring
- Julie Farver for lunch when we were finished

- Pokagon Veterans Anthony Forrester and Matthew Garza for bringing the Eagle Staff
- Maintenance Department for moving our prayer areas
- Youth Council for being such a dedicated group to complete the walk
- Mike Jackson for providing breakfast
- Dawn Cornelius from Oneida Nation for providing the corn mush to feast the water
- Vicki Dowd for giving us spring water to add to ours so prayers from Hannahville were with us too
- Gladys Bybee for wonderful muffins and boiled eggs
- Dowagiac Fire Department for a resting place and cooling station
- Dowagiac Police Department for road stops
- Skylar Ballew, Miss Potawatomi Nation, and her family for being a part of our day

Megwetch everyone and hope to see you all next year!



## Tribal Citizens Celebrate the Opening of Four Winds Hartford with Special Events, continued from page one

"It is always nice to try something different, and this is a lot of fun," said Kimberly. "We are on vacation this week and thought we would give gambling a try since we had the free credits to use."

Josh Pepper, husband of tribal citizen Lindsay Anne Pepper, won \$400 playing the slot machines. "I was betting \$3 at a time, and was up just a bit," said Josh. "The next thing I knew I was looking at triple sevens and thought that had to be a good thing!" Instead of putting his winnings back into the slots, Josh cashed out and intends to put the money aside for purchasing tires this fall. It isn't the most exciting thing to spend money on, but it is nice that it doesn't have to come out of the household budget," said Lindsay Anne.

The casino is located just off of I-94. The design of the building is similar to the New Buffalo facility with a woodsy, natural feel, and features meaningful tribal symbols and artwork—especially near the hearth area. The casino features 500 slot machines where players can bet a penny to \$25. Table games are available for those wishing to play blackjack, roulette, or poker. Before leaving, guests may visit the gift shop to purchase Four Winds merchandise and artwork made by Pokagon artisans.

Citizens who were unable to attend the opening weekend events will still be able to use their free credits until September 30, 2011.



Members of Pokagon Band tribal, elders and youth councils cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Four Winds Hartford. Photo © Walt Bukva.

## Housing Department Helps Make the Dream of Home Ownership a Reality

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The dream of owning a home may seem out of reach for many people. Since the housing crisis began, banks have been requiring potential buyers to have larger down payments and insisting on higher credit scores in order to secure a mortgage loan. But stricter regulations did not deter tribal citizen Jessica Howell from working toward her goal of home ownership. Jessica turned to the Pokagon Housing Department for guidance and down payment assistance.

Jessica began working with Kim Cushway-Zepeda, a housing occupancy specialist, in 2007. She knew that she could only be on rental assistance for three years, and her goal was to be in a position to buy home before that time was up.



"I really wanted to purchase a home before I turned 30," said Jessica. "In order to do that, I had to raise my credit score and get my finances in order."

With help from the Band's financial empowerment program, Jessica made major strides toward cleaning up her credit and improving her financial situation. She also learned about the types of things that lenders look at when reading a credit report.

"A person needs a credit score of 620 or better to qualify for down payment assistance," explained Jessica. "I took the classes, and I learned a lot about how to improve my credit and personal finances."

Becoming a homeowner was very important to Jessica, and it took years of hard work and perseverance. "I knew I was investing in my future" said Jessica. "When I was renting, I felt like I was throwing my money away, but now I am earning equity." Jessica and her husband, Darrell, and twins Ethan and Emily Ketchum are thrilled with their new home. The house sits on two acres, and they hope to own horses within the next five years.

Since closing on the house, pictured below, on July 15, Jessica and her family have been settling into their new home. While home ownership brings new challenges to life, Jessica welcomes the responsibility. "It is great not to have to rely on a landlord to fix things," said Jessica.

Having gone through the program successfully, Jessica offers a piece of advice to other citizens hoping to own a home down the road.

"Keep up on your bills!" said Jessica emphatically. "The electric company reports to the credit bureaus every month, and being late really reflects in your credit score. Also, never go to cash stores for money."

Through the Pokagon home ownership program, Jessica was given a 20 percent down payment and another three percent to cover the expense of closing costs. If her family stays in the house for 10 years, the loan will be completely forgiven.

The home ownership program grants eligible Pokagon Band citizens down payment assistance up to \$30,000 and will cover closing costs up to \$2,500.



Find out more at [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Homeowner\\_Programs.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Homeowner_Programs.aspx)



### Pokagon Band Department of Education K-12 Program's "Let's Try it!" Series

#### Let's Try . . . STEM!

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, all very valuable skills for our students to sharpen. STEM reaches for the "Oh, THAT'S why it works!" responses in fun and challenging ways. Join us for this first step into STEM with Dr. Amanda Serenevy, Executive Director of the Riverbend Math Center, based in South Bend, IN.

*This is an invitation to K-12 Pokagon and JOM Children and Their Families.*

*Please call Connie to register—  
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.*

**When:**  
Saturday  
November 5, 2011  
1—3 pm

**Where:**  
Pokagon Community  
Center

27043 Potawatomi  
Trail  
Dowagiac, MI



## Head Start Year Off to a Great Start

The Head Start open house was held on Thursday, September 1 and had an excellent turn out. Thanks to all of the families for attending. The first day of school was on Tuesday, September 6. Both classrooms have 19 children with a mix of three and four year olds. The program accepted 38 children for the 2011-2012 school year, and is currently full.

We would like to give a special thanks to Audrey Huston, Margaret Rapp and Jean Mollett for the generous donation, with which we purchased some furniture and materials for the center. Chi migwetch!

We would like to welcome Ms. Jennifer Edelberg to the Head Start Staff. Ms. Jennifer will be filling in for Mr. Paul while he is out on medical leave. Mr. Jennifer will be driving Bus #6 and working in Classroom #1 with Ms. Carrie.

We are accepting applications for the waiting list. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about

enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities.

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer, anyone can be a volunteer for the program by spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins, etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart & gallon size), hats & gloves



Head Start students arrive on their first day of school.



Kai Willis and friend get ready for preschool.

### Upcoming Events/Closures

**October 17, 2011** Celebrating Home (Home Interior) Fundraiser begins!

**October 20, 2011**  
Last day for parent visits.

**October 27, 2011**  
Family Fun Night from 6-8.

**November 4, 2011** Last day for the Celebrating Home (Home Interior) fundraiser.

**November 9, 2011**  
Lifetouch Picture Day at 9:30.

**November 11, 2011** Head Start office closed in observance of Veterans Day.

**November 24-25, 2011** Head Start closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### Happy Birthday to you!

**Jaden Kusch** October 3, 2011  
Happy 3rd Birthday!

**Stephen Yeager** October 18, 2011  
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Ms. Linda Guthrie October 18, 2011  
Happy Birthday!

Braylan Parker October 22, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday!

Mason Servis November 12, 2011  
Happy 4th Birthday!

Cole Clay November 3, 2011  
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Ms. Pam Keller November 14, 2011  
Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Tia Parker November 18, 2011  
Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Sarah Hyatt November 26, 2011  
Happy Birthday!

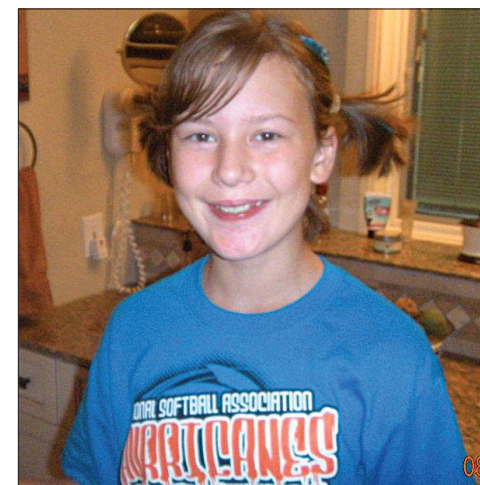
## October Student Spotlight

### Academic Excellence Award Mekhi Brown

Mekhi, a third grader at Hunt School in Jackson, Michigan, was nominated by his mother, Renee Brown. A once-struggling student, Mekhi is now excelling in school. He attended Summer School the majority of the summer, and brought home nothing but good reports. Mekhi has worked hard to reach the third grade reading level. Great job Mekhi, keep up the good work!

### Extra-Curricular Excellence Award Kassidy Wesaw

Kassidy (pictured at right), a sixth grader at Otsego Middle School in Otsego, Michigan, was nominated by her father Jason M. Wesaw. Kassidy had an excellent summer softball season. Kassidy was a member of the traveling Hurricanes Fastpitch Softball Organization, which played games in Michigan and Indiana. She batted .385 with 4 doubles, 14 RBIs, and stole 31 bases in 27 games (wow!). She was also a virtual brick wall while fielding her position at third base. Great job Kassidy, keep playing hard!



## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokegnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



## Department of Education Updates and Announcements

### A Nation that Reads

We are getting close to our goal of 2011 books. As of September we have 1750 books read, which means the pizza party is just around the corner. Active participants will receive a t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing when our goal has been met. We will celebrate reaching our goal with a pizza party and ice cream bash. Keep up the good work and get those books turned in!

### Parent Expo

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Pokagon Band Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, Michigan

We will have workshops, parent resources, activities, giveaways and lunch.

For further information, call Connie Baber (269) 782-0887 or email [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov). This event is open to all parents/guardians of Pokagon Band and JOM students. You are invited to bring family members, but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Have You Signed Up for K–12 Programming for 2011–2012?

K–12 Program registration is open; have you registered your child? The Department of Education is ready to help you. It only takes a couple of minutes for the forms, and you can download those from [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or get them at the time you are registering. You walk out with school supplies in a bag for your student.

### JOM Reimbursements for 2010 – 2011 School Year Now Available

The Department of Education is already processing 2011–2012 School Supply Reimbursements. The forms are online and in the Mishawaka and Dowagiac offices. Remember to include the original receipts.

Do you have a high school junior or senior? They have other educational expenses that can be covered through the High School Success Reimbursement: College Entrance fees (ACT/SAT – the High School Success pays for one ACT/SAT test); College Application fees (up to \$100); and the basic graduation cap, gown, and tassel. We can also provide the students with career testing, information about scholarship opportunities, and information about vocational training. We want to help with the transition from high school so feel free to call (888) 330-1234 and (269) 782-0887.

### New Tutoring Centers

Kindergarten–12 grade public school students who make C- or below in the core subjects of math, language arts, science, and social studies, or with special needs, could qualify for tutoring through the K–12 Program. We have a group of talented adults, both education associates and tutors, ready to help your child. When possible, we will work with the students during their school day. After school tutoring will take place at a location in Dowagiac, Hartford, Niles, and Mishawaka, with parents providing transportation. A review process prior to placing children with tutors includes evaluating grades and needs, and contacting the family and the school. Permission for communicating with the school staff is vital, so make sure you mark “accept” on the release form included in the K–12 registration. Every effort is made to place the children with the most need first, so get the request for tutoring in as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this valuable service, please contact Conrad Church, K–12 resource specialist, or Penny Brant, education coordinator, at (269) 782-0887 and (888) 330-1234.

### Adult Opportunities Day

November 19, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Pokagon Community Center, Dowagiac, Michigan

The Department of Education, in its goal to provide resources for all tribal citizens, presents a day of opportunities for adult tribal citizens. We want you to know that your goals are important to us. You help to shape our tribal community. Please join us to learn about current available resources and to help shape future resources.

Workshops focusing on:

- Resume building
- Non-traditional careers
- Interview preparation and mock interviews
- Financial Empowerment
- Scholarship orientation and scholarship resources for Native Americans
- Healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and stress relief

Informational booths highlighting:

- Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship
- GED/ Adult Education Lab (NEW Program)
- Pokagon Band Vocational Scholarship
- The Pokagon Band Technology Stipend
- Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program
- Community Resources
- Tribal Development Program
- Mentoring Opportunities
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Pokagon Band Student Rental Assistance
- Pokagon Band College Internship

Also included in the day's activities are games, individual meetings with Department of Education staff on how to meet your educational goals and door prizes.

This event is open to all Pokagon Band adult tribal citizens. You are invited to bring family members, but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For program details please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234. More info is also posted on the tribal website.

### WANTED: Book Reviews

Have you read a good book lately? Would you like to share your thoughts on a recent read? The Pokagon Band Department of Education would like to invite you to submit a review of any book that you have read. Book reviews are welcomed from all tribal citizens, young and old. Your review should be 150 words or less. They should include author, title, suggested age (grade) level, as well as a general review. Please send your reviews via email: [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov), fax: (269) 782-0985, or mail: Department of Education, 58620 Sink Road, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

## Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

## Pokagon Summer Youth Interns Build Job Skills

The Pokagon Summer Youth Internship Program provided summer employment experiences at the administration offices for nine students from July 11 to August 4. The youth learned employability skills, such as following directions, completing tasks correctly and on-time, displaying initiative, interacting with other employees and supervision, attendance and punctuality, proper appearance and dress for their work situation, conduct and attitude, and personal growth on-the-job. The youth learned specific job, technical and general office skills associated with their department placement, such as copying, filling out a timesheet, assisting in a classroom environment, assisting the elders, assisting with customer service, lifting, organizing, mowing, and assisting in a kitchen. Fifty-five percent of the students had a perfect attendance, and overall there was a ninety percent attendance rate.

Thanks for a job well done to the students and the staff involved!



Brody Race challenges Traci Henslee (out of the photograph) to a match of cup stacking at the youth internship end of the season picnic, while Penny Brant and Ernest Lucia cheer them on.

## Life Skills Program Brings Kids Closer to Their Tribe

Seventeen year-old Nicholas Moore wasn't familiar with the Seven Grandfather Teachings before, but now he understands that humility, love, respect, bravery, wisdom, honesty and truth are part of his heritage, and something he can look to as he moves into adulthood. The same is true about certain native medicines like sage and sweet grass and their uses.

Moore, a senior at Countryside Academy in Benton Harbor, was one of ten Pokagon youth who participated in a life skills program this summer with the staff of the Department of Social Services. The program was suggested by Chief Judge Petoskey as a means to strengthen the link between Pokagon youth and their tribal community. The program curriculum was designed by Desiree Dunomes, Family Services worker for the Department of Social Services. Additional support for the program came from the Family Welfare Commission.

Ten teens participated in the Life Skills Program. The curriculum included such topics as values clarification, self assessments, and discussions on rules and responsibilities. The group met twice a month over the summer at Rodgers Lake. Each week, a member of the tribal community spoke to the youth about different topics including: the importance of sacred medicines and water; drumming,

dancing and language; history and the clan system; gender roles; sovereignty and the tribal governmental structure. Participants also took trips to Michigan Adventure and a miniature golf park.

"The discussion about the clan system was particularly good, because it helped as an anchor for value systems," said McKee. "It showed the kids what role they traditionally would play in the Band."

The kids recognized the impact as well. For Nicholas Moore, he made new friends he plans to keep in touch with. Twelve year-old Andrea Skoda loved hearing about the traditions.

"It was interesting to hear from our elders," she said. "I want to bring back these traditions in my life, like drum circles. They need to be brought back, because we are a nation."

"We had kids who had never participated in a tribal event," said McKee. "You could see the connection by the end. We hope to continue the program, to connect kids with their tribe as a source of positive influence and socialization."



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Department of Language and Culture



**Native Nations Youth Council**

This month's cultural activity will take place the second weekend of October, Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th. We will be tanning hides with Mimi and Richard Rice. We will start at 10am on both days. This is a messy job so it is recommended that you wear old clothing and bring something to change into afterwards. The activity will take place in Andy Jackson's Barn at 33701 Middle Crossing Rd., Eau Claire MI, 49111.

The Business Meeting will be held on Saturday October 22nd in the Finance Conference room located in the Administration Building.

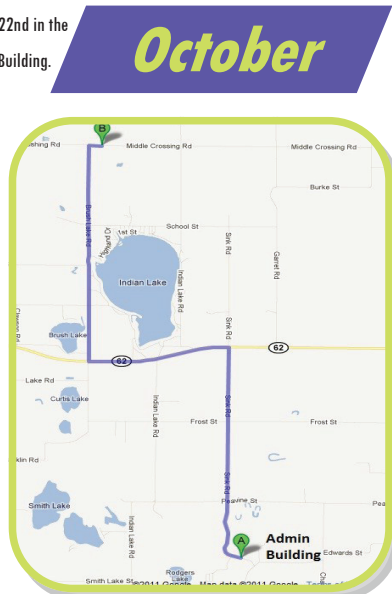
- ⇒ Sr. Youth Council will meet from 11am-12pm
- ⇒ Lunch will be at 12pm -1pm
- ⇒ Jr. Youth Council will meet from 1pm-2pm

**Jr. Youth Council**— Meetings and activities are open to Tribal Citizens or JOM students in the 7th-12th grades.

**Sr. Youth Council**— Meetings and activities are open to any Tribal Citizen 18-24 years old.

### Contact Information

Katy Morseau,  
Youth Cultural Coordinator  
(269) 462-4254 office  
(269) 783-6773 Cell  
katy.morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



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## Brain Tanning Workshop With Richard and Mimi Rice



Bob Berdard scraping a hide

Please join us for a hide brain tanning workshop with Mimi and Richard Rice. This is a messy job so it is recommended that you wear old clothing and bring an extra set of clothes to change into afterwards.

**Date:** October 8th & 9th, 2011

**Time:** Starts at 10:00 am

**Location:** Andy Jackson's Home

33701 Middle Crossing Rd.

Eau Claire, MI 49111

### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist

**E-Mail:**

Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

**Phone:**

(269) 462-4261

Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend.





## Informational Meeting Planned for Mno Bmadsen's Agricultural Initiative

Join Mno Bmadsen Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss the future of the Pokagon Band's agricultural land. The Band has 1,700 tillable acres available for agriculture use. Mno Bmadsen, the economic development enterprise of the Band, is considering creating a self-sustaining agriculture business or businesses that can provide revenue, jobs and, in collaboration with the tribal government, food for tribal citizens. Opportunities exist for future employment or entrepreneurship, and many resources and funds are available for tribal citizens wishing to enter agriculture on their own.

Robert Gardner, an agricultural economist working with the Native American Institute, and Barbara Norman, MSU Michigan Food & Farming Systems program assistant, will discuss options available for tribal citizens to start their own operations.

For more information contact Mike Kasper (269) 783-4111 or Robert Gardner (517) 927-4503.

The Marathon station in Sister Lakes, Michigan is up and running, and tribal citizens can now purchase Michigan state tax exempt fuel. Sarah Ramos, pictured getting her change from the station's manager Raghwinder Singh, was the first citizen to receive the discount at the new location September 7.



*Outdoor Elements*, a nature show produced by the South Bend public television station WNIT, will feature a segment about the Band's efforts to restore a section of the former Grand Kankakee Marsh in North Liberty, Indiana. The episode will air in the spring. Above, the show's host Evie Kirkwood, interviews Mark Parrish, the Band's director of natural resources.

## Pokagon Pennant Project

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We have decorated the department halls with the pennants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums.

Football season is now in full force with lots of college rivalry. Go Broncos! Go Spartans! Currently


Western Michigan is in the lead with seven tribal graduates and Michigan State is in second place with six tribal graduates. Grand Valley and Indiana University are tied in third."

We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



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# Life is a delicate balance



**Your flu vaccine protects me. My flu vaccine protects you.**


When you get your flu vaccine, you can keep yourself healthy **and** keep from spreading the flu. Protect the circle of life.

For more information, visit <http://www.flu.gov>

A flu clinic will be held October 3 through November 18 by appointment only. Beginning the month of September, the influenza vaccine will be offered at all clinic visits.

Please call Pokagon Health Services today to make your appointment: (269) 782-4141.



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## Vaccines for Adults: You're Never Too Old to Get Vaccinated

You never outgrow the need for vaccines. The specific immunizations you need as an adult are determined by factors such as your age, lifestyle, high-risk conditions, and previous immunizations. Throughout your adult life, you need immunizations to get and maintain protection against: flu, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, shingles, pneumococcal, and HPV.

**Influenza:** The flu season is upon us again. Every year in the U.S. an average of 36,000 people die from complications of the flu. It is highly recommended that everyone get their seasonal flu vaccine each year. While you yourself may not ever get sick, you still can be a carrier of the virus to others who are not as healthy as you, including older family members or very young children. Most susceptible are babies younger than six months who cannot yet get this vaccination. All household members or close contacts, including daycare workers, babysitters of young babies, or new parents or grandparents should get the vaccine to protect the children.

The Department of Health Services will be providing seasonal influenza clinics for all tribe citizens and their non-tribal household contacts. You will need to call ahead for appointments to receive the vaccine. Look for the first clinics beginning in October.

As we provide the seasonal influenza vaccine to all citizens and immediate household family, CHS will not reimburse for this vaccination administered by any outside providers.

**Pneumococcal:** You need a dose once you are over 65 years old or if you are age 2 to 64 years old and are a smoker or have certain chronic medical conditions, like diabetes, COPD, asthma, chronic heart disease, heart failure, chronic liver disease, or alcoholism.

### Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td, Tdap)

Tetanus boosters have been recommended every ten years to prevent "lock jaw" after injury or exposure from deep cuts or accidents. Adacel, a newer agent, has been recommended to be used as one of the booster injections to protect our small children from pertussis or "whooping cough." The CDC and American College

of Obstetrics and Gynecology recommend all mothers receive one dose of Adacel just after birth to protect newborn babies from the risk of death due to pertussis infection. Ask your doctor for Adacel vaccination prior to discharge if you have not already gotten it.

### Zoster (shingles)

If you are age 60 years or older, you should get this vaccine now to prevent the debilitating pain with shingles infection.

### Human papillomavirus (HPV)

It is recommended for young women aged 11 to 26 years can protect themselves from this virus that can be associated with cervical cancers by getting Gardasil vaccination. The vaccine is given in three doses over six months. It is also now recommended that young men aged 11 to 26 years will benefit from protection against genital warts.

Ask for your vaccination updates at your next physician check-up, or call Pokagon Health Services immediately to make your appointment for flu clinic vaccinations starting October 1. Call (269) 782-4141 for appointments.



The Pokagon Band's marsh restoration effort in North Liberty, Indiana now includes wild rice, which grows in wetland conditions and has been part of the native food for centuries. A group of citizens and staff recently planted 1,200 pounds of wild rice seed on several Band properties. Not only will it be eventually harvested for food, but the rice helps the health of the wetland, supporting lots of waterfowl and fur-bearing animals and improving water quality.



See more at the South Bend Tribune video/photo essay  
<http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/sbt-pokagons-work-to-reestablish-wild-rice-near-north-liberty-20110919/0,917628.story>

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Pokagon Health Services

## 2011 Men's Health Fair

**Thursday, October 6, 2011**  
**3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Flu & Pneumonia vaccines Health information Pharmacy display Hearing Screening T-shirts Gift bags*	Raffle prizes Massage therapy Soft hand treatment Smoke vision screening Recovery support booth Educational booths & displays
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### Come join us!

Dr. Sherburn will be available for physical assessments by appointment only so please call ahead.

Make an appointment to come in and have your fasting labs done two weeks prior to the health fair. When you get your results at the health fair, you will receive a raffle ticket.

The more health screenings or information you receive, the more raffle tickets you receive to win prizes. You must attend the health fair to win.

**For more information, please call Susan Gundersen**  
**(888) 440-1234 ext 343**

\*While supplies last



Community Financial Empowerment Program Sponsors First Ever Pokagon Band Native Business Expo

**What:** Pokagon Band Native Business Expo  
**When:** Oct. 27–28; Friday Noon – 4:00 p.m and Saturday 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pokagon Band Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI (\*See right)  
**Why:** 1) To showcase Native entrepreneurs and Native businesses – entrepreneurs will have the chance to promote their businesses  
2) The Pokagon community, along with the general public, will have to chance to support Native and tribal owned businesses

- Are you a Native business owner? If so, this event is for you.**
- promote your business by displaying your wares
  - develop new customers
  - meet other Native entrepreneurs
  - register for upcoming business development workshops
  - connect with business development agencies
  - list your business on a new Tribal Citizen Business Registry
  - pick up “Business Plan Pro” a business planning software program

- Not a Native business owner? This event is still for you!
- meet Native entrepreneurs and learn about their various businesses
  - find out what you can do to support Native entrepreneurs
  - explore the possibility of starting or expanding your own business
  - register for upcoming business development workshops
  - collect good information to share with Pokagon family members and friends

Guy Dumas, Chief Executive Director, Wasauksing First Nation, Canada, will present the keynote address. Guy is a pragmatic idealist with over 25 years dedicated to business and entrepreneurial development. His expertise is championing innovative ideas into reality. He will also speak about what’s called the “crowded bucket syndrome”—a self-defeating behavior sometimes seen in Native communities of individuals pulling each other down rather than helping each other accomplish a common goal.

*\*The tribe’s new Community Center is located adjacent to the tribe’s housing development off Dailey Rd, which is just south of the intersection of Dailey and Mathews Streets, past Southwestern Michigan College about 500 feet. Follow the yellow signs. If lost, call Val Janowski (269) 591-1938.*

- Register Now for First Ever Business Development Workshops**
- The Department of Housing’s Community Financial Empowerment Program is partnering with area business development agencies to sponsor several series of workshops!
1. The first series, called “Ca\$hing In on Business Opportunities,” will be presented on Tuesday evenings from November 1 thru December 20 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Dowagiac at the Community Financial Empowerment Program’s new offices, 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Presenters will be Mark Thomas and Joanne Davidhizar, Innovation Specialists, Michigan State University’s Extension program.
  2. The second series, “Core Four” will be presented on Thursday evenings starting November 3rd from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Hartford at the Hartford Community Center, 15 S. Maple St. Presenters will be Bob Jones and Margaret Adams, Cornerstone Alliance.
- Registration is required for both series of workshops and will be on a first come, first served basis, as class size is limited. Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: 269 591-1938 or Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

**Culture**

- 10/8 & 10/9 | Hide Brain Tanning with Richard & Mimi Rice, Andy Jackson’s House, 10am
- 10/14 & 10/15 | Community Wellness Gathering, Community Center, Friday 5pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-5pm

**Drumming**

- 10/5 & 10/26 | Men’s Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 10/5 & 10/26 | Women’s Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

**Language**

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- 10/12 | Language Workshop with Frank Barker, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm
- 10/27 | Language Workshop with Kim Wensaut, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

**Native Healing**

- 10/17-10/19 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 10/19 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

**Native Nations Youth Council**

- 10/8 | Cultural Activity, Hide Brain Tanning, Andy Jackson’s House, 10am
- 10/22 | Business Meeting, Finance Conference Room, Sr. YC - 11am, Lunch 12pm, Jr. YC - 1pm
- 10/30-11/4 | NCAI, Portland, Oregon

**Pow Wows & Festivals**

- 10/21-10/23 | Hunting Moon Pow Wow, Milwaukee, WI

**Traditions and Repatriation Committee**

- 10/24 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

**Conferences**

- 10/20-10/23 | Algonquian Language Conference, Ann Arbor, MI

**Upcoming Events**

- 11/19 | Fall Spirit Feast, Community Center

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## Potter Finds Success Selling Beautiful, Functional Pieces

**By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty**

Three years ago, life changed considerably for tribal citizen Kathy Getz Fodness. Facing unemployment, Kathy returned to the pottery studio after many years and began creating. She has found great success in selling her pieces at the Four Winds Casino gift shops and a gallery in South Bend, Indiana, along with making commission pieces.

Kathy was first introduced to making pottery in her high school art class. After a long hiatus, she returned to the pottery studio and her passion for the craft was ignited once more.

“Since I had the time to devote to pottery, I decided to spend my time doing something that I love,” said Kathy.

The Four Winds Casino gift shop has provided Kathy with an opportunity to sell her pieces. “The sales have been incredible!” exclaimed Kathy. “I like to describe my pottery as beautifully functional. I create ordinary, useful forms and bring them to life with color.” Kathy considers herself to be more of a craftsman than an artist. “I focus on

function, and I believe that it leads to more sales,” explained Kathy. “People can justify purchasing a piece of pottery that will look beautiful on a shelf but can also be put to work on the dinner table.”

In addition to selling her work at the Four Winds gift shops in New Buffalo and Hartford, she was asked to be a supplier for tribal art to decorate the hotel rooms. Her work is also available at CircaArts, a juried gallery located in South Bend, Indiana.

Kathy does not currently have a website featuring her work, but hopes to have one in the future. “That is the first question I am asked,” said Kathy. “For right now, I would rather focus my time and energy on creating new pieces.”

Not only has pottery given Kathy a chance to earn money, but it has been therapeutic. “I have received enormous support from our tribal community, and wonderful encouragement from other artists.” Kathy utilizes the pottery studio at the South Bend Museum of Art to create her pieces.

“One thing I have learned is that just because I may not be pleased with the way a piece turns out, that does not mean that others won’t love it,” explained Kathy. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and the taste of each buyer is unique. There was an occasion where a piece did not turn out the way Kathy intended, and she did not plan on selling it. But other potters raved over it, and she decided to put it for sale in the gift shop. “I was surprised to see that it was the first piece that sold!”

Kathy strongly believes in the value of art therapy because it is good for the mind, body, and soul. “I would love to see the Pokagon Band form a partnership with the South Bend Museum of Art to offer an outlet to our citizens both young and old,” said Kathy. “Pottery is a wonderful creative outlet, it is good for arthritic hands, and everyone has the ability to do it.” Should a tribal program for art therapy be developed, Kathy would welcome the opportunity to mentor others in the craft.



Kathy Fodness at the potter's wheel.

## What is Identity Theft? National Protect Your Identity Week is October 16–22

Financial Identity Theft occurs when an imposter gains access to personal identifying information (PII) and uses it for personal gain. This could include: unauthorized use of someone's credit card; new lines of credit, loans, and mortgages; new accounts, account takeover, or checking/debit fraud; and tenancy and/or utilities.

**Governmental Identity Theft** could be defined as when a thief uses another person's PII to obtain employment, governmental services, benefits, or IRS refunds, to name just a few. This type of identity theft has a significant and far reaching impact on its victims. For instance, the victim finds out when their tax return is held by the state or a court orders wages withheld from the victim.

**Criminal Identity Theft** occurs when the thief provides someone else's PII to avoid law enforcement scrutiny and/or criminal arrest, or child support. Perpetrators often use a false identity because they could not pass a required background check and they may use false identities to avoid escalation of charges due to previous probation or parole.

**Medical Identity Theft** occurs when a person uses someone else's PII without legal authority or victim's consent, to obtain medical services or goods, or to make false claims for medical services or goods. Medical identity theft frequently results in erroneous entries being put into existing medical records, and can involve the creation of fictitious medical records in the victim's name.

**Corporate Identity Theft** is the unauthorized collection, transfer, replication, or manipulation of a business's identifying information for the purpose of committing fraud or other crimes (ANSI).

A new term being used is assumption. Assumption is defined as when the imposter, or criminal, is using the victim's identity for multiple purposes such as employment, medical and financial identity theft. Essentially, this person has "assumed" the victim's entire public identity.

Common Ways Identity Theft Happens:

Identity thieves use a variety of methods to steal your personal information, including:

1. **Dumpster Diving.** They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
2. **Skimming.** They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
3. **Phishing.** They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
4. **Hacking.** They hack into databases or steal business records to get customer PII.
5. **Old-Fashioned Stealing.** They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records from their employers, or bribe employees who have access.

Source: Federal Trade Commission

Go to [www.ProtectYourIDNow.org](http://www.ProtectYourIDNow.org) to 1) find a “Protect Your Identity Week” event near you, 2) take an ID quiz, 3) learn about steps to take for victims of identity theft and 4) read consumer tips.



## Chairman's Column

Hello everyone.

For those who attended the grand opening of Four Winds Hartford, I'm sure we shared the same pride and excitement in opening a new property, owned and operated in its entirety by the Pokagon Band. The celebratory events were well attended and our management team stated it was the smoothest opening they had experienced. That is a credit to the entire team involved in the design, development, construction, and management of the operation. This project, while small, has given Tribal Council the confidence and experience necessary to continue to move the Band into the future when the timing is appropriate. Hartford is performing above expectations. It is too early to make a judgment, but even after the opening attendance and play continue to be strong. Additional parking lots are under construction to beat the winter season.

The Council is deep into the budget-setting process for the next fiscal year. Based on the current state of Congressional bickering and a national election in the next year, the economy continues to fluctuate. Council is trying to take all of that into consideration as the next budget is developed. We are basically looking at zero growth and maintaining current levels until some certainty is seen economically.



We have discussed this previously, but everyone may not be aware that under the new financing we have more freedom and flexibility in determining monthly per capita amounts. By that I mean we work from a fixed amount of approximately \$1,667,000 per month, which equates to our current monthly amount. The quarterly numbers are also fixed with a built-in increase annually. Beginning with the November payment, we will spread the quarterly amount into the three monthly payments. This will cause the number to increase from roughly \$150 each month to roughly \$350. The amount will stay until the February or March payment, when there should be a slight increase based on the increase in the quarterly amount. This will continue to be discussed at quarterly finance meetings so that everyone understands the difference between the previous financing, where we had no flexibility, and our current financing, where we have flexibility. Council is in agreement that increasing the monthly amount is the right thing to do at this time. Council will continue to review options to assist with improving the quality of life of our citizens.

In closing, my door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello.

## Who's Pushing Our Buttons? Why We Overspend & What You Can Do To Better Manage Your Money

Spending behavior is complex and many of us have never considered why we spend money the way we do. Come learn the many influences that impact spending habits, such as the proliferation of consumer goods, the media, advertising, society, friends, family, and easy credit. This free workshop helps you understand your money personality—are you a hoarder who likes to save, budget and prioritize? A spender who likes to spend? A planner? A dreamer? A

merger? Separatist? A risk-taker? Or a risk-avoider? Or some combination of these? You'll also learn strategies to better control spending.

Some such strategies include: 1) stay clear of spots where you know you'll overspend, 2) take a timeout—create a policy for yourself that says, "I will always wait two weeks before buying an item. I will think before I buy." 3) shop with a list, 4) track your money 5) Call a friend for support to help redirect your thoughts away from buying.

Once you have some of the basic tools to evaluate your spending, you can make more informed decisions about whether to spend or whether to save. Citizens who are unable to attend can request that a booklet "Why We Buy: the Psychology of Spending" be mailed to them.

Why We Buy: the Psychology of Spending—A workshop on personal finance for all adult Pokagon Band tribal citizens, spouses/partners and parents of Pokagon Band minor

children.

Same workshop topic, presented three different times to accommodate different schedules:

**Tuesday, October 18**  
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 18**  
6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 22**  
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

New location: 415 E. Prairie Ronde St., Dowagiac, Michigan (the former National Copper Products building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy streets)

Entrance on Louise St. on west side of building – look for yellow signs

Each workshop will begin with a short cultural presentation. A light meal will be served beforehand. All participants will receive a nice cultural gift of their choosing from the giveaway table. Parents are asked to arrange their own child care, if needed.

Come join other Pokagon citizens in this fun, interactive workshop to learn how to sharpen personal finance skills. Every month a different topic on personal finance will be offered.

For questions, comments or to register for a workshop, contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, Department of Housing: (269) 591-1938, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language and Culture

## October Language Workshops

We are honored to invite Frank Barker (Gun Lake Potawatomi) and Kim Wensaut (Forest County Potawatomi) to join us for October's language workshops. On October 12th, Frank will teach the class fun and interactive games that incorporate Potawatomi language. Then on October 27th, Kim will join us to share a lesson designed around Dgwagek (Fall). Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!

**Dates:**  
**Frank Barker's Class**  
Wednesday, October 12th  
Topic - Potawatomi Language Games

**Kim Wensaut's Class**  
Thursday, October 27th  
Topic - Fall (Dgwagek)

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:**  
Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Contact Information:**  
Teresa Magnuson, Director of L&C  
(269) 462-4296 office • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



**Dates:**  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
**Kim Wensaut will be leading the ladies in drum practice on the 26th where she will be sharing new songs and teachings.**

**Time:**  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

**Everyone is Invited!**

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Contact Information:**  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov  
Office: (269) 462-4261

## Career Opportunity with Chi Ishobak, Inc.

Position Description: Loan Officer

### JOB SUMMARY

The Loan Officer is responsible for underwriting, originating, closing, and monitoring the portfolio of loans in accordance with Chi Ishobak Loan Policy. The Loan Officer underwrites, structures, closes, and collects loans, and provides business technical assistance to business owners and entrepreneurs, regardless of whether they will apply for a loan. The Loan Officer prepares all documents necessary for submission to the Loan Committee for their review and action on the loan request. The Loan Officer's tasks are undertaken to meet loan production goals, satisfy lending and portfolio management policies, and minimize legal and financial risk to the organization. The position works closely with the Executive Director, the Loan Committee, and outside lenders to support the organization's operations, growth, and mission.

**REPORTS TO:** Executive Director.

**SUPERVISIONS:** None.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Lending

- Respond to loan and technical assistance inquiries in a timely, responsive, and respectful manner.
- Conduct due diligence, including detailed financial analysis, on loan requests and prepare credit memos and recommendations under established loan policy guidelines.
- Coordinate and conduct timely loan closings, to include negotiating terms, preparing commitment letters, reviewing due diligence items, ordering and reviewing loan documents and disbursements.
- Maintain credit quality by monitoring borrower compliance with loan covenants and repayments, analyzing financial statements and other borrower reports, making site visits and collateral inspections as needed, and performing risk rating under Chi Ishobak's established loan policy.
- Implement collections, write-off, and recovery activities as needed to minimize losses.
- Participate in information sessions and other marketing activities including meeting with potential referral sources.
- Maintain current borrower information in DownHome Loan Manager and the loan files.
- Work with the Executive Director to insure electronic loan payments are received and posted, and batching payments are all completed in a timely manner.

#### Business Technical Assistance

- Provide individualized business technical assistance to any individual, group, or business involved in the creation or expansion of a business by tribal citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi by assessing business plans, analyzing financial statements and pro formas, and providing practical, sound advice to strengthen the proposed or existing business and to help the client overcome obstacles to business success.
- Assist clients with personal financial management and credit repair as needed.
- Deliver group business training, marketing presentations, and community outreach, including meeting with potential referral sources.
- Actively seek out and share information about current economic and business trends, government regulations, and accounting procedures.
- Provide accurate and timely reporting on individual technical assistance and group training activity to Executive Director.
- Solicit evaluations and feedback on training and counseling provided and participate, with the Executive Director and other staff, in revising curriculum and presentations as needed.

#### Internal and External Relations

- Develop and maintain positive relationships with banks, CDFIs, lending partners, educational institutions, technical assistance providers, and community collaborators to further Chi Ishobak's mission and purpose.
- Coordinate with other tribal departments and organizations to work with tribal citizen referrals for IDAs and other services.
- Participate in strategic planning, budget and proposal development, new employee orientation, and other organizational activities.
- Participate in organizational, departmental, and outside training and education to increase and improve skills.
- Additional job-related duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Associates Degree (Bachelor's Degree preferred). Two years experience in lending is preferred. Must demonstrate strong financial skills, an understanding of lending and small business operations. A familiarity and understanding of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, other Native American communities, tribal government, and

Community Development Financial Institutions is preferred.

- Demonstrated understanding of small business management, financial statements, and business planning.
- Working knowledge of the financial and marketing challenges that small business owners experience.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare clear, accurate, and well-organized written and financial reports and to communicate verbally in an effective manner.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain positive relationships with people from varied cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds.
- Capacity to prioritize and manage multiple responsibilities while ensuring credit quality and exceptional customer service.
- Demonstrated commitment to community development, low income communities, and the Native American Community.
- Proficiency in commonly used software programs, including Microsoft Office Professional Suite 2010. QuickBooks Pro 2011 proficiency preferred.
- Proficiency in internet research techniques.
- Must be willing to submit to a background check (includes credit report) and drug screen upon hire.

#### Other

Special consideration will be given to Native American applicants and applicants with experience working with Native American organizations and/or Tribes. Community Development Financial Institution and/or Economic Development experience preferred.

#### Compensation

Salary commensurate with applicant's experience and educational background.

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Friday October 14.

#### Contact Information:

Alan Fricke, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 117  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(269) 783-4157  
(269) 783-4159 Fax  
Alan.fricke@ChiIshobak.org

## Pokagon College Students: Look for Chance to Attend NCAI Conference

Keep an eye on your mail box, because you will soon be receiving a letter regarding the upcoming National Congress of American Indians conference. The conference will be held in Portland, Oregon October 30 through November 4. NCAI is a great opportunity for students to network with students and leaders from other tribes and learn about national native issues. Tribal Council will be sponsoring two college students and the Department of Language and Culture's Youth Council program will sponsor individuals from the Senior Youth Council. If you are interested and would like to attend as a Pokagon Band college student representative, please submit a one page letter of interest to Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator, at [Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov), by October 7. For more information call, (269) 462-4254.



## Board of Directors Vacancies | Chi Ishobak, Inc.

Chi Ishobak, the Pokagon Band Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is accepting applications for vacancies on its board of directors. The formation of Chi Ishobak was approved by Tribal Council in September 2009, and it was incorporated on September 28, 2009.

Chi Ishobak has a five member board with one of the positions reserved for a member of Tribal Council. It has regular monthly meetings which meet at Chi Ishobak's offices. It also has several internal committees such as the Loan Committee, Funding Committee and Monitoring and Evaluation Committee that meet as needed. Currently there is no stipend for the board or its committees, however expenses such as mileage are paid.

Community Development Financial Institutions operate under the U.S. Department of Treasury. They are intended to promote small business development, homeownership, and personal and family financial independence in low to moderate income communities. Individuals and families in these communities are typically the least likely to be able to access conventional bank credit, and the national CDFI Program is intended to help provide capital in these communities to encourage family advancement and economic development.

CDFIs have proven to be successful in other Native American communities throughout the country. Chi Ishobak's goal for its initial programming is to promote small business loans for Pokagon Band members, and to apply for certification with the Department of Treasury within 24 months.

Board members being sought are individuals with experience in banking, lending, small business development, business ownership, and household financial development and are especially encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in applying to be a member of the Chi Ishobak's board of directors, please submit your resume along with a one-page letter with your name and contact information stating your interest in the position and summarizing your relevant experience. Please send the resume and letter of interest via fax, email, or mail to:

Chi Ishobak, Inc.  
Tom Topash, Secretary/Treasurer  
PO Box 117  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Fax: 269-783-4159  
tom.topash@pokagonband-nsn.gov

## Elders Council Business Meeting | September 1, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:02 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** The Elders credit card is being changed from American Express to 5/3 Bank. Too many problems arose with American Express. A sample was shown of the polo shirts and the shirts. A vote was taken as to the color of the polo shirts; light blue was the chosen color. Six wanted white, 13 wanted yellow, nineteen wanted light blue.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Faye Magnuson asked if half of the 50/50 monies could be used to purchase items for the veterans that are in the hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. A vote was taken and we will donate to the veterans that are hospitalized. A list was given as to the items that are needed. This is the money we have of this date.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Members felt that a \$10.00 deposit was too small, Elders Council will look this over and possibly change it to \$25.00. This is only for trips, not MIEA. Procedures will also be set up for the trips.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Still have not heard about the Indianapolis trip. Still don't know when the busses will be received.

**MINUTES:** The August minutes were read, Clarence moved to accept the minutes, Jeannie supported, (4) yes, approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jeannie supported, (4) yes, approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Active Living classes will start September 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Bob Moody, Rita Yount, Tom Wesaw Jr. Jenny White, Myrna Wiggins, Tom Parrish, John Morseau, Morris Lewis, Brenda Brown, Robert Grant, Louis Wesaw, Diana Jacobson.

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill & Shirley Sigfrids, 55 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jeannie moved to adjourn, Audrey, supported. (4) yes, Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

## Department of Language and Culture

### Native Healing with Jake Pine

**Date: Monday - Wednesday  
October 17-19, 2011**

**Time: 9:00-12:00p.m., 1:00-5:00p.m.**

**Location: Teaching Cabin, Rodgers Lake**



# Native Healing

### Co-ed Sweat Lodge

**Date:** Wednesday  
October 19, 2011

**Time:** 6:00p.m.

**Location:** Teaching Cabin

Jake Pine and will be visiting our community for Native healing and a co-ed sweat lodge. Please call Andy Jackson to set up an appointment.

• Individual appointments: Monday-Wednesday (please bring tobacco).

### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

# October

### Dates:

Every Monday  
October 3rd  
October 10th  
October 17th  
October 24th  
October 31st

### Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



### Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language & Culture  
(269) 462-4296 office • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at (269) 782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band's Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band's Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen's name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band's Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4028	Andrew Lee Martin
857	Peter John Ramirez	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

\*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
P O Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by October 15 in order to make it on the November check run. Anything received after October 15 will be processed on the check run for December. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.



monday

3

Buffalo Lasagna  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup  
Garlic Bread

10 | language

Pork Steaks  
Baked Potato  
Asparagus  
Tomato Salad  
Apple Crisp  
Roll

17 | language

Beef Goulash  
Spinach Salad  
Broccoli  
Peaches  
Garlic Bread

24 | language

Turkey Stuffed Peppers  
Alfredo Noodles  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Cottage Cheese  
Watermelon / Roll

31 | language

Minestrone Soup  
Chicken Salad Sandwich  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Banana Pudding W/ Nilla Wafers

tuesday

4

Hot Roast Beef in Au Jus  
Potato Salad  
Veggie Tray  
Pears

11

Potato Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Garden Salad  
Cherry Dessert

18

Pork Chops  
Baked Steak Fries  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Apple Crisp / Roll

25

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Baked Potato  
Succotash  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit  
Roll

wednesday

5

Fish  
Rice Pilaf  
Vegetable Kabobs  
Strawberries  
Roll

12

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Tossed Salad  
Cottage Cheese  
Roll

19

Buffalo Stew  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Cornbread  
Sherbet

26

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Apple Crisp / Roll

thursday

6

business

Swedish Meatballs W/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Green Beans  
Waldorf Salad  
Cake  
Roll

13

Buffalo Sloppy Joes on a Bun  
Baked Beans  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

20 | social

Chicken Ala King over Biscuit  
Summer Squash and Zucchini  
Garden Salad  
Ice Cream

27

Salmon Patties  
Baked Steak Fries  
Green Bean Casserole  
Ambrosia Salad  
Roll

friday

7

Veggie OR Meat Pizza Day  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Fruit

14

Salmon Burger  
Wild Rice  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Carrots and Peas  
Melon Slices

21

Buffalo Chili  
Broccoli Slaw  
Cherry Crisp  
Cornbread

28

Homemade Chicken /Wild Rice Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie Tray  
Pineapple and Cottage Cheese



After dinner sit awhile, and  
after supper walk a mile.

- English saying

October

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

Elders Council Directory

Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765

Jean Mollett, Chair (269) 463-5355	Clarence White, Treasurer (269) 876-1118
Kenneth Rader, Vice Chair (269) 876-7797	Ruth Saldivar, Member at Large (269) 214-1279
Audrey Huston, Secretary (269) 591-4519	

Tribal Office Directory

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Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

- 3 Meeting canceled
- 4 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 11 Gaming Authority, Community Center, 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 18 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 24 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 25 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 27 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1 (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



## October Citizen Announcements



Happy 2nd Birthday, Chelsy  
Ariel Olson  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Sydney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jasmine Kamea Rangel,  
7 years old on  
September 4

Glenn Josiah Frank Smith,  
6 years old on  
September 16



Ignacio Francisco  
Rangel and Elicio  
Louis Powell-Rangel,  
one year old on  
October 6

Happy 15th birthday to my terrific grandson,  
Tyler Deuel

Love you,  
Grandma Martha

Happy 8th birthday Michael  
Matthews September 4!  
Love, your mom, stepdad and  
your dad and Grandpa Mac



Corey Frank Rangel, 25 on October 9

Brittainy Lee Falk Rangel, October 31


Happy birthday to all my babies! Love you guys!  
Love, Mom and Grandma Kim



Happy 9th birthday Jayde!  
Hugs and kisses and lots  
of love from Dad

Happy 5th birthday Lizzie Mae!

Love, Mom and Dad



# Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering

## Positive Native Parenting

**Dates:** October 14 & 15, 2011  
**Times:** Friday, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Community Center  
 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI

**Facilitators:** Native Wellness Institute  
 Jillene Joseph and William Penn  
**Elders:** George & Sid Martin  
**Presented by the**  
 Department of Language and Culture,  
 Department of Social Services

The Potawatomi Community Wellness Gathering will be facilitated by two NWI trainers, Jillene Joseph and William Penn. The focus will be on positive Indian parenting. Many Native families today still struggle with finding that balance between traditional parenting and modern day parenting. This interactive two-day session will include the following topics: what kind of parent/grandparent do I want to be, where did I learn to parent, traditional parenting, parenting today, motherhood and fatherhood. Trainers will also build on the previous sessions. As a result, participants will be better equipped to make healthier choices to ultimately be a positive and contributing member to his/her family, workplace, community, and the tribe as a whole. Please join us!

**Contact Information: Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture**  
**Office: (269) 462-4296, Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov**

**Door prizes • Give Away • Family Event • Meals Provided**

## Common Mistakes to Avoid When Building Wealth | a Workshop on Wealth Building

Come learn how to avoid common mistakes many people make when seeking to build wealth. James Walsh, Senior Manager, Client Services, of Zhang Financial\*, Portage, Michigan, will provide valuable insights into the critically important area of setting aside money for one's golden years. Learn what to do to make sure you'll have the financial resources you'll need in later years so that you and your loved ones can enjoy peace of mind and ensure the lifestyle you desire.

- What:** Common Mistakes to Avoid When Building Wealth - a Workshop on Wealth Building
- When:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (a light meal will be provided from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.)
- Who:** All adult Pokagon Band tribal citizens, spouses/partners and parents of Pokagon Band minor children
- Why:** To help Pokagon Band families to build wealth by avoiding common mistakes in saving and investing
- Where:** Pokagon Band's new Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI (located adjacent to the tribe's housing development off Dailey Rd, which is just south of the intersection of Dailey and Mathews Sts., just past Southwestern Michigan College)

Every month a different topic on personal finance will be offered. Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: (269) 591-1938, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Please let her know no later than Friday, September 9, whether child care is needed.

\*Zhang Financial, located in Portage, Michigan, is a private, independent, wealth management group that offers clients unbiased financial advice. Zhang Financial is free from proprietary products, conflicts of interest, investment banking relationships, or other questionable business practices. Charles C. Zhang, president, was named as one of the nation's Top 100 Financial Advisors in 2011 by Barron's—an honor received by Mr. Zhang many times since 2004.





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

November 2011

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### Clarence White Wins Golden Hoosier Award

On October 7 Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman presented the Golden Hoosier Award to Clarence White, acknowledging his lifetime of service and commitment to the Pokagon Band and the wider community. At a ceremony at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, White, accompanied by his wife Jenny and his daughters Connie Anderson and Nancy Hankins, received the award, which was created to recognize outstanding seniors for their lifetime of service to their communities. The award is the highest honor bestowed on a senior in Indiana by Lt. Governor, and was developed in conjunction with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Clarence White is a life-long resident of South Bend, Indiana, but his work extends throughout the lower Great Lakes region that the Pokagon Band has inhabited for centuries. Considered the principal spiritual elder for the Pokagon Band community, his duties were passed down to him by the previous community spiritual leader, and he bears this responsibility with great joy, humility and care.

He comes to the needs of the tribe whenever asked for such activities as officiating for quarterly seasonal ceremonies or funerary ceremonies. He serves on the Traditions and Repatriation committee, is the treasurer of the Elders Council, is active in pow wow planning and participation and helped lay the foundation for the 1994 federal reaffirmation of the Pokagon Band. White also represented the Pokagon Band on the Indiana Native American Commission until it was disbanded. Many Pokagons go to Clarence for teachings and advice. As one tribal citizens said, “I enjoy sitting, learning from and listening to him; he’s a comforting presence.”

Beyond the tribal community, Clarence has asked his numerous mentees over the years to share time with elders and youngsters. John Warren, Tribal Council treasurer and one who has known Clarence for decades, remembers visiting grade schools, scout troops and youth groups with Clarence.

“He’s visited universities like Notre Dame and IUPUI, bringing understanding of the culture to others,” said Warren. “He’s a well-known bereavement counselor among other ethnic groups in South Bend.”



Photo of Clarence White by Jessica Fortuna

Pokagon citizens and non-natives both are beneficiaries of Clarence’s important teachings. Thanks to Clarence, several generations have received the understanding of the Potawatomi way of life, and will in turn pass that on to future generations.

### Band Continues to Build Relationships in Indiana



Photo © Joe Philipson

State government officials in Indiana, including Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, have invited the Pokagon Band to raise awareness of the Band’s heritage, culture and ties to the land and to the strengthen government-to-government relationships. Throughout the month of November, the Band will display cultural and educational items and information for the public in the Indiana State House in Indianapolis. Each week a Pokagon Band artist will present a day-long demonstration of work, and interact with visitors to the State House. Then, on Tuesday, November 22 at 11:30 a.m. the Band will share dancing, drumming and food with state legislators, executive and judicial branch officials. The event will showcase the tribe’s continuous presence in Northern Indiana and set the stage for the next seven generations in the region. If you’re in the area, please join the Band for this landmark event.



## Health Services Adds Specialists and Contracts With New Providers to Better Serve the Medical Needs of the Tribe

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Department of Health Services has made some significant changes in the past year to improve the quality of care available to tribal citizens. Most recently, they added a podiatrist and are working toward adding another physician, contracting with a mobile radiology company, and moving to electronic medical records. They have added a pharmacy, erected another provider office, and have contracted to offer lab services on site, as well as telemonitoring. Telemonitoring means patients take an active part in their own healthcare by sending daily electronic reports from home on weight, blood sugars, blood pressure, etc. These recent additions and changes demonstrate the commitment made by Health Services to provide Pokagon citizens with the best possible care.

Podiatrist Dr. Patricia Moore started working with Health Services in August, and she has already made a huge difference in improving the quality of life for tribal citizens. "Dr. Moore comes to our site twice a month to see people having foot problems," explained Melissa Gard, clinic business manager. "She has worked closely with a couple of our nurses and trained them to do evaluations for diabetic patients and nail trimming." Additionally, Dr. Moore is able to evaluate the gait of individuals in an effort to avoid potential falls.

Dr. Moore is licensed in Michigan and Indiana and practices out of South Bend and Buchanan. She works very closely with in-house providers, which allows Health Services to give patients more comprehensive care.

Health Services hopes to soon add another doctor as well. "Additionally, we are moving toward contracting with a mobile radiology company that would allow us to offer scans at our site. We have recently acquired EKG and Spirometer machines," said Gard. "All this allows us to expand our continuity of care onsite for patients."

In an effort to improve the quality of care for their patients, Health Services will transition their current records to an electronic medical records system. Providers will have better access to medical charts and will be better able to view trends.

"Our goal is to be the medial home for our citizens," said Gard. "The addition of these services allows us to treat the whole person in a patient-centered approach." Providers are dedicated to working together to provide the best care possible to Pokagon citizens.

Just one example of cooperation is evident in the pharmacy. "We have two pharmacists on staff who co-manage with our doctors," explained Gard. The pharmacists will sit in sessions with the doctor and patient to discuss medication options. "In that way, we are using all resources available to work together toward the mission of providing high quality health care to our citizens."

In the past year, Health Services has added a pharmacy, erected another provider office, and contracted with a lab to offer services on site. The recent additions and changes further demonstrate their commitment to providing Pokagon citizens with the best possible care available.

## Sovereignty Day Celebrated With Energetic Concert and Recognition Ceremonies

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Band marked the 17th anniversary of federal re-affirmation with a concert and series of special events on September 23 and 24. Organized by the Department of Language and Culture, the celebration gave citizens the opportunity to come together to reflect and take pride in the accomplishments of the Pokagon Band.

Festivities started with a concert on Friday evening featuring Gene Tagaban, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians, Don Burnstick, and the Pokagon Band's own Ribbon Town Singers. The Pokagon Youth Council sold refreshments to raise money for their organization. The concert was open to the public, and about 175 people attended.

"Friday night was absolutely amazing," recalls Teresa Magnuson, director of Language and Culture. "There was so much energy in the room. The performers far exceeded our expectations, and we hope to have a repeat performance next year."

The Ribbon Town Singers started the evening with a welcome song, and Tribal Council treasurer

John Warren said the prayer. Keith Secola got people dancing and hollering with his lively performance. Tribal citizens Marcus Winchester and Majel DeMarsh danced during one of Secola's songs, and hoop dancer Sam Sampson also performed. Sam is the son of Will Sampson, best known for his performance in the 1976 feature film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Comedian Don Burnstick had the audience in stitches, and the Ribbon Town Singers invigorated the crowd with the vibrations of the drum. "There was an incredible amount of energy in the room," said Magnuson. "The performers created a warm, community feeling, and the experience was amazing."

John Warren said that he planned to go to the concert to sing, and then head straight home. However, after getting caught up in the liveliness and excitement of the evening, he stayed until 11:30 p.m. "It was one of the best tribal entertainment events that I have ever attended," said Warren.

Saturday events started with a sunrise ceremony followed by a flag-raising honoring POWs. Tribal veterans Richard Rider and Jerry Campbell, both

former POWs, were recognized for their service. A POW flag is raised along with the Pokagon Band, U.S., Indiana and Michigan flags every morning outside the administration building and the community center.

Citizens and staff were invited to attend the events on Saturday. Meals were provided and attendees could visit various tents to learn about culture, history, and also participate in interactive sessions such as storytelling and nature walks.

Communications specialist Beth Salman was grateful for the opportunity to be included in this tribal event. "I was able to learn more about the culture and history of the tribe," stated Salman. "As a graphic designer, understanding the culture and essence of the tribe enables me to convey their message accurately through visual art."

A recognition ceremony honoring the Tribal Council was held in the evening. "We recognize that the work of our elected officials is challenging," said Magnuson. "Blanketing them symbolizes us giving them our support, protection and love."

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Let's Try It! Program Goes Apple Picking

Saturday, October 1 thirty Pokagon citizens of all ages strolled through the orchards of Stovers' U-Pic in Berrien Springs, MI picking apples and grapes. The K-12 Program covered the cost of two full bags of fruit or the same amount in handmade jams and salsas for each person. Some of the children opted to get a pumpkin and were already planning their designs before they left the parking lot. The cool weather gave the day the flavor of fall and was a motivator to keep moving through the orchards.

This family event was a part of the "Let's Try . . ." series, giving citizens an opportunity to try something they haven't had the chance to do. The next event, Saturday, November 5, is "Let's Try . . . STEM." STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and will feature fun and engaging activities presented by Dr. Amanda Serenevy, director of Riverbend Math Center in South Bend. It will be held at the Community Center from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Call Connie in the Department of Education with questions, 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887.



Suzanne DeBorteli and her children relax after apple picking.

## Pokagon Band Honored at Greener Homes National Summit for Excellence Award Given for Creating Sustainable Communities

**By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty**

The Pokagon Band recently received an award at the Greener Homes National Summit in Denver, Colorado for their outstanding contributions to areas of sustainability. This national conference was sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to promote building greener, more energy-efficient homes. Mark Parrish, DNR director, Jason Auvil, tribal planner, and Chet Swisher, maintenance coordinator, attended and accepted the award.

"We were selected out of all Indian country because we are viewed as a leader in designing sustainable communities," said Parrish. Parrish and Auvil gave three presentations at the event highlighting their best practices in tribal developments and buildings.

Parrish and Auvil spoke about building and neighborhood design. The Edawat development was featured in their presentation as an excellent example of a sustainable community. "We utilized low-impact development, or LID, techniques," said Auvil. "Rain gardens, native vegetation, porous pavers and cluster development are just a few of the elements that we used within this development." Not only does the design protect surrounding areas, but it is energy efficient and promotes long-term cost savings.

"Based on our success, HUD has asked us to be a case study," said Parrish. "They will highlight what the tribe has done to create sustainable communities

and communicate it throughout Indian country to promote our philosophy."

The Department of Natural Resources strives to tie all of their work back to the desired outcomes of the Tribal Council. "This award is the manifestation of their long-term goals," said Parrish. "Everything that we do not only takes the environment into account, but we build with long-term cost control in mind."

The Desired Outcomes of the Tribal Council are:

- Revitalize our language and culture
- Increase our land base and strive to protect mother earth
- Honor and share Elder's wisdom
- Encourage and develop the ideas, energy, talents, and leadership abilities of our youth
- Promote the health and well-being of our citizens
- Enhance the economic opportunities for our citizens
- Develop comprehensive education and life-long learning opportunities for our citizens

As leaders among Native American communities nationwide, the Pokagons will continue to employ building practices that promote sustainability and honor the tradition of protecting Mother Earth.



Department of Education

**Saturday  
November 12,  
2011**

**2:00 - 4:00PM**

**Where: Allegan  
Public High School  
Aquatic Center. 550  
Fifth St. Allegan, MI  
49010**

**It's a Swimming  
Party for the whole  
family.**

**Bring your bathing  
suit, towel, and be  
prepared to sharpen  
your mind with this  
innovative way to  
learn about Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering, and  
Mathematics.**



## Help us Kick off the S.T.E.M Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

The STEM program teaches independent innovation, and allows students to explore necessary subjects in greater depths and utilize the skills learned. These skills are necessary in order for today's students to be tomorrow's global leaders. Today's jobs require workers to think critically, as well as work as a member of a team, or independently. We need to close the performance gap so that our students can compete in a global market.

### The Science of Swimming

Sport science and medicine play a very important part in the performance of a swimmer. Science can help fine tune an athlete. You will learn about concepts such as density, volume, buoyancy, displacement, refraction, and reflection just to name a few.

### Biomechanics & Physics

Sports Biomechanics is the application of physics and mechanics to the human body during sport. In such a technical sport such as swimming, it plays a very important part. Humans aren't the best swimmers; we can swim at 5 mph compared to a sailfish which can move through the water at 65 mph.

This is for JOM and Pokagon Youth K-12. All youth are required to be accompanied by their parents or legal guardian. Space is limited, and in order to swim you must pre-register by calling Connie at 888-330-1234 Today.



## Pokégnek Edawat Construction Underway

You may have noticed dirt moving at Pokégnek Edawat this fall. Work on the Pokagon Trail extension of the road and sewer is underway to prepare for additional housing development next summer. The \$900,000 project is funded with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Housing & Urban Development (HUD) grant money. The new road provides a second access to Daily Road and a new access point at Peavine Road.

Next summer a municipal water line will be brought in from the City of Dowagiac, also funded through federal grants. The plan is to add neighborhood street loops similar to existing brick streets. Expansion of infrastructure will allow large scale housing and community development. Tentative plans call for 15 to 20 new HUD low-to moderate-income housing units to be built in 2012, with additional units to follow depending on demand. New housing will most likely be a mix of duplex and quad style townhomes. In addition several buildable lots will be available to Pokagon citizens who wish to build their own home on Pokagon land.

Infrastructure is being built to support Tribal citizen housing needs well into the future. In addition to the projects underway in Dowagiac, Pokagon Band is currently doing site planning in Hartford and South Bend for housing and community development projects in those villages. The plan is for dirt to be moving summer 2013 in Hartford and South Bend.

Pokagon Band grant resource developers are working to line up the capital resources necessary to fund community development projects. The team is examining every funding alternative including; Section 184 HUD guaranteed loans, HUD leveraged financing, Low Income Housing Tax Credit funding, and others.

These photos, taken from tribal citizen Chet Swisher's plane, show the development of new infrastructure at Pokégnek Edawat.



## Workshop on Tanning Deer Hides Brings Citizens of All Ages Together

**By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty**

The Department of Language and Culture recently planned a workshop aimed at teaching how to tan a deer hide. Cultural associate Andy Jackson and her husband, Mike, utilized their barn and three donated deer hides for the workshop.

"No one knew what they were doing!" said Jackson. "We had arranged to have a couple of elders come in from Minnesota to lead the workshop, but they got sick and were not able to come." The group may have found themselves without leaders, but they were determined to accomplish the task at hand.



Hide tanning workshop participants with one of their projects.  
Photo by Mike Jackson

With 33 people assembled in the Jackson's barn, the group hit the books and researched how to tan a deer hide. "My husband Mike got some input from his grandmother, and we tried our best to figure it out on our own," said Jackson.

"The process is very messy," laughed Jackson as she recalled the experience. "We scraped and stretched the hide, and it needed to soak overnight in a mixture containing a blended deer brain." After the hide has been soaked, ashes are used to make the hair come off more easily.

The scraping process can be quite tiresome, and attendees took turns donating their own elbow grease to preparing the hide. "We had people of all ages working side by side. Young children to elders, everyone worked together," recalls Jackson.

The workshop lasted for two days, but the hide is still not completely done. It remains on the stretcher and they hope to use it in a future rattle-making class. "It is more of a rawhide, and it would

be great for a rattle," said Jackson. She hopes to get a softer hide next time so that it can be used to make drums or moccasins. "We are learning as we go," she said.

"The atmosphere was the best part of the experience," stated Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator. "When arms got tired, someone else stepped up to take over." The group had a feast and enjoyed the work, despite getting dirty in the process.

Jackson is planning to have another hide tanning workshop in their barn December 10 and 11. Those interested in attending the event may email Andy at [andy.jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:andy.jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call (269) 462-4261 to reserve their place in the class.



The Department of Education is searching for students who demonstrate academic and/or extra-curricular excellence. Each month we will honor two students who have shown great achievements or improvements in the classroom, and two students who have achieved great things in extra-curricular activities. The academic excellence award could be awarded to a student who has demonstrated any of the following: high marks, great improvement, excellent attitude, perfect attendance, or a strong work ethic. The extra-curricular award could be awarded to a student that has excelled, improved, or worked hard in any extra-curricular activity. These activities include, but are not limited to, sports, band, clubs, organizations (i.e. boy/girl scouts), or community-related functions. There will be a winner picked from

If you have questions, or would like a blank application, contact Connie Baber at (269) 782-0887.

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Education**

**Extra-Curricular Excellence Application**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ K-5    ☐ 6-8    ☐ 9-12    **Year (Grade Level):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of Nominating Person(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why should this person be highlighted as Performer of the Month?**  
(Participation, Highlights, Statistics, Achievements, Awards, or Sportsmanship Highlights)

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You are also welcome to send in local newspaper clippings highlighting your performance.

**Send to: Pokagon Band Department of Education  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Fax: 269-782-0985 or E-mail: [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov)**



## Department of Education Updates and Announcements

### Adult Opportunities Day

November 19, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Pokagon Community Center, Dowagiac, Michigan

The Department of Education, in its goal to provide resources for all tribal citizens, presents a day of opportunities for adult tribal citizens. We want you to know that your goals are important to us. You help to shape our tribal community. Please join us to learn about current available resources and to help shape future resources.

Workshops focusing on:

- Resume building
- Non-traditional careers
- Interview preparation and mock interviews
- Financial Empowerment
- Scholarship orientation and scholarship resources for Native Americans
- Healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and stress relief

Informational booths highlighting:

- Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship
- GED/ Adult Education Lab (NEW Program)
- Pokagon Band Vocational Scholarship
- The Pokagon Band Technology Stipend
- Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program
- Community Resources
- Tribal Development Program
- Mentoring Opportunities
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Pokagon Band Student Rental Assistance
- Pokagon Band College Internship

Also included in the day's activities are games, individual meetings with Department of Education staff on how to meet your educational goals and door prizes.

This event is open to all Pokagon Band adult tribal citizens. You are invited to bring family members, but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For program details please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234. More info is also posted on the tribal website.

### New Tutoring Centers

Kindergarten–12 grade public school students who make C– or below in the core subjects of math, language arts, science, and social studies, or with special needs, could qualify for tutoring through the K–12 Program. We have a group of talented adults, both education associates and tutors, ready to help your child. When possible, we will work with the students during their school day. After school tutoring will take place at a location in Dowagiac, Hartford, Niles, and Mishawaka, with parents providing transportation. A review process prior to placing children with tutors includes evaluating grades and needs, and contacting the family and the school. Permission for communicating with the school staff is vital, so make sure you mark "accept" on the release form included in the K–12 registration. Every effort is made to place the children with the most need first, so get the request for tutoring in as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this valuable service, please contact Conrad Church, K–12 resource specialist, or Penny Brant, education coordinator, at (269) 782-0887 and (888) 330-1234.

### Tutoring Center Schedule

- Monday and Wednesday:** Niles, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday:** Hartford, 3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.;  
Dowagiac, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; South Bend, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### A Nation that Reads

Congratulations! We reached our goal of reading 2011 books. We will be having our pizza party in November. If you turned in books you will be getting your invitation in the mail. Great job!

## Students Encouraged with MIEA Incentives

### By Bonnie Parrish, MIEA secretary

The Michigan Indian Elders Association is again offering cash incentive awards for K–12 students who have perfect attendance and/or straight As on report cards for a marking period. Plus, college bound students could win a \$1000 or \$500 scholarship.

Since 2004 MIEA has awarded over \$70,000. We have had several Pokagon

winners in the past. You could be one! More information will be in the upcoming newsletter regarding the applications and due dates. Visit MIEA's website [www.michiganindianelders.org](http://www.michiganindianelders.org) or you can contact Joseph Avance at the Education Department at [joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov). Good luck to all of you!

## Pokagon Pennant Project Continues

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We have decorated the department halls with the pennants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums.

Football season is now in full force with lots of college rivalry. Go Broncos! Go Spartans! Currently

Western Michigan is in the lead with seven tribal graduates and Michigan State is in second place with six tribal graduates. Grand Valley and Indiana University are tied in third."

We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



## Art Therapy and Recovery with Ambrose Peshlakai

**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2011  
**Time:** 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Contact Information:**  
**Andy Jackson, Cultural Associate**  
**E-mail:** [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
**Office:** 269-462-4261

**Local artist, Ambrose Peshlakai, will be sharing his personal story of recovery and how art is used to help heal many issues within Native communities.**

**His stone pieces are created by the personality and the feel of each individual stone. The art drawings are all inspired by his Red Road of Recovery.**

**Please come and join us for an afternoon of traditional teachings and wonderful stories. Participants will also make a craft item to take home.**

Everyone is Invited!  
If you are interested in learning about Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



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## Head Start Students Enjoy Fall Field Trips and Family Time

**By Sarah Hyatt, Head Start director**

Ms. Carrie's classroom #1 took a field trip to Butler's Tree Farm on Wednesday, October 12. The weather was perfect for the outing. The children were able to pick out their own pumpkins, participate on a hayride, meet some farm animals and have a picnic lunch. Mrs. Amy's classroom #2 took a field trip to Butler's Tree Farm the next day, but unfortunately, the weather was not so perfect. However, with all of the ponchos, umbrellas and rainy boots, everyone still managed to have a great time. Thanks to all of our family volunteers that attended both trips!

The program is happy to report that there has been excellent father/male involvement with the program so far this year. The staff would like to give big thanks to all the dads, step-dads, grandpas, brothers, uncles and family friends that have been participating. Your involvement truly does make a difference!

Head Start would like to give a special thanks to DeMarko Smith for his donation of forty plastic pumpkin baskets for all of the Head Start children for trick-or-treat. Chi Migwetch!

Enrollment is currently full, with 38 children for the 2011–2012 school year. We are accepting applications for the waiting list for this year. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the tribal ID. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities.

### Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer. Anyone can be a volunteer

for the program. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

### Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated. Items that we are always looking for: Play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol Wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart & gallon size), hats & gloves, snow pants, coats/jackets, sweatshirts.

### Upcoming Events/Closures

**October 27, 2011** Family Fun Night from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**November 4, 2011** Last day for the Celebrating Home (Home Interior) fundraiser.

**November 9, 2011** Lifetouch Picture Day at 9:30.

**November 11, 2011** Head Start office closed in observance of Veterans Day.

**November 24–25, 2011** Head Start closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

**December 22, 2011** Head Start Children's Christmas Party

**December 26–January 6, 2012** Head Start closed for Christmas Break

**January 9, 2012** School resumes.

**January 16, 2012** Head Start closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

### Happy Birthday to you!

**Cole Clay** November 3, 2011 Happy 3rd Birthday!

**Mason Servis** November 12, 2011 Happy 4th Birthday!

**Ms. Pam Keller** November 14, 2011 Happy Birthday!

**Mrs. Tia Parker** November 18, 2011 Happy Birthday!

**Mrs. Sarah Hyatt** November 26, 2011 Happy Birthday!

**Mrs. Amy Wiggins** December 20, 2011 Happy Birthday!

**Presley Adams** December 21, 2011 Happy 4th Birthday!



Mrs. Amy's class poses with their pumpkins on their fall field trip.



Cole Clay hard at work in his classroom.

## Catering Opportunities Open for Citizens and Spouses

In order to eat healthier and keep Pokagon government funds within the Pokagon community, Tribal Council wants to move event catering in-house. Tribal Council is gathering names and contact information of Pokagon citizens and spouses who may be interested in catering tribal functions. Starting January 2012, Tribal Council will contract with a tribal citizen and/or spouse on a month-to-month basis to provide all meals for such Tribal Council events as lunch for Monday special session meetings and general meeting held the second Saturday of every month. Assistance with other catered events for committees, commissions, boards or departments may also be requested throughout the month.

Please submit your name, phone number, e-mail and home address to Kelly Curran at Kelly.Curran@PokagonBand-nsn.gov by Friday, November 18. Food safety training will be provided for new or inexperienced caterers in mid-December. Also, sample menus will be suggested. Meals should be tasty, but more importantly, nutritious!



## Pokagon Band's Community Financial Empowerment Program Has Something for Everybody

Announcing Pokagon Band's own one-stop resource center. We have tons of resources for you.

Do you want to live free from financial worries?

Do you want to start or expand a business?

Do you want to save and invest wisely for your golden years?

Pokagon Band's Department of Housing is pleased to share news of a wide range of comprehensive services provided by its Community Financial Empowerment Program. The program, funded in part by a special grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), consists of programs and services in three critically important areas:

1. personal finance management
2. small business support
3. wealth building

### Personal Finance Management

Confidential one-on-one budget counseling is available to tribal citizens, regardless of income and regardless of residency. Yes—expert assistance in personal finance is now available to citizens living anywhere in the United States! Now, in addition to the tribe's Department of Housing providing face to face budgeting counseling to citizens in the 10 county service delivery area, a similar service is available to residents throughout the country. Budget counseling is now being provided at no cost via phone by expert, HUD certified counselors between from 8 am to 8 pm Monday - Thursday and from 8 am - 7 pm on Fridays. Budget counseling is provided by GreenPath Debt Solutions, a well-respected, 50 year old non-profit that offers budget counseling to Americans nationwide. Contact GreenPath, 866 864-2963 or [www.greenpath.com](http://www.greenpath.com).

Dynamic monthly workshops are offered on a wide range of timely topics, including "Why We Buy: The Psychology of Spending," and "Budgeting for the Holidays," the topics for November.

### Small Business Support

A wide range of services are now available for tribal entrepreneurs, either provided directly or by partnering agencies:

- One-on-one business development counseling
- A comprehensive series of workshops on business development covers all the basic areas of entrepreneurship
- Workshops are scheduled for several locations, include Dowagiac, Hartford, Allegan and the South Bend area
- Standalone workshop topics, including website development, free/low cost software, social media, taxes, etc.

### Wealth Building

Quarterly workshops focus on key topics. Workshops will be presented by Zhang Financial, a private, independent, wealth management group. Zhang Financial, headquartered in Portage, Michigan, offers clients unbiased financial advice. It is able to do so because it is free from proprietary products, conflicts of interest, investment banking relationships, or other questionable business practices. Charles C. Zhang, President, was named as one of the nation's Top 100 Financial Advisors in 2011 by *Barron's*.

Contact Val Janowski at (269) 591-1938 or [Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov) for additional information, to register for a workshop or request business plan software.

## Discover Your Money Personality

Have you ever wondered why you use money in a particular way? Many forces impact the development of your money personality. You make purchases to fulfill desires and to make yourself feel a certain way. Some spending influences include: advertising, media, society, friends, family, and easy credit. In addition, shopping has become an "experience" to enjoy and there are so many goods that are so affordable.

One way to evaluate your approach to money is to identify your attitudes about money. Where do you fit?

- **Hoarder** The hoarder likes to save, budget, and prioritize
- **Spender** The spender likes to spend
- **Planner** The planner is the nitty-gritty, take-it-one-step-at-a-time type
- **Dreamer** The dreamer hatches passionate schemes, but has no idea how to make them come true
- **Merger** The merger wants to pull all of the couple's money together
- **Separatist** The separatist wants at least some of his/her own money
- **Risk-taker** The risk-taker loves adventurous investing
- **Risk-avoider** The risk-avoider goes for the sure thing

Identifying your money personality can help you understand your spending behavior. According to Olivia Mellan in her book, *Money Harmony*,

- **Money Equals Freedom** – You see money as a primary source of freedom. It is a source of thrills, chills, risks, big wins, big losses and unlimited

access. You are generous, but on your own terms. You may trade love, security and even power in exchange for the options to go anywhere and do anything you want. You can be very rich or very poor. Ultimately you are a free-lancer and a soloist at heart. Commitments are difficult, as is balancing a checkbook or sticking to a budget – except when you are forced to.

- **Money Equals Security** – You see money primarily as a source of security. You crave safety above all else; glorify the predictable and keep a safe distance from the unknown or unforeseen. Money symbolizes stability, protection, and insurance: a roof overhead, food on the table, and a buffer between you and the vagaries of tomorrow. You love to watch the value of your real-estate property appreciate or your blue-chip utilities go up a point. You tend to trust money more than people. You invest in sure things and avoid risk. You hold a steady job and spend your paycheck responsibly. Every moneymaking move is hedged with a counter-move to protect it. You have a hard time passing up a bargain, freebie or good deal, and you balance your checkbook to the penny.
- **Money Equals Power** – You tend to be obsessive about work, and see money as a passport to greater options, fame, admiration, control over resources and other people. You want success and the status symbols it is measured by. You like to be in control and are well adapted to management positions – as much as you drive others, you drive yourself harder. You will not be happy until you are the Chairman of the Board.

People can't keep up with you, and you are often impatient, thorough and to the point. You detest vulnerability and if there is a choice between family and career, home life finishes a distant second. Someone else balances your checkbook.

- **Money Equals Love** – You value friends and family above all else, and use money to enhance those relationships. You are kind, understanding, motherly/fatherly and consenting. You are a tireless listener – you give, give and give. You can't resist an open hand. You are a perennial nurturer, contributor and volunteer. Money is used to make life better for friends and family. There may be a tendency to use money to buy love in the form of appreciation, attention and acknowledgement. You not only balance your checkbook – you balance everyone else's too.

Money attitudes influence our behavior, aspirations and emotional reactions to ourselves, our families and our friends. Once you understand your money style, you will gain insight into how and why you react emotionally to money, why you have those reactions and how they affect your financial success.

*"One key to moving forward is to know where you are starting from."*

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One In Four Americans Would Not Inform Spouse of Financial Difficulties

The following article written by Drew Kessler, a personal financial blogger, is being reprinted with permission from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC).

The National Foundation for Credit Counseling conducted an online poll in September on the topic of spouses sharing news of financial problems with their partners. The survey revealed that 24% percent of more than 1,400 respondents would not tell their spouse if experiencing financial difficulties.

Reasons given for withholding the information included the fear that it would worry the spouse (9%); that the spouse is unaware of the debt (8%); that it would damage the relationship (7%).

“Even if well-intentioned, withholding financial information from a spouse is not a sign of a healthy relationship, either emotional or financial,” said Gail Cunningham, spokesperson for the NFCC. “It is encouraging that the majority, 76%, would share the information with their spouse so that they could work together to resolve the situation.”

Even though having a discussion around money can be difficult, particularly if it is long overdue, it is a topic that ideally should be addressed early in a relationship, preferably before tying the knot. “People bring financial baggage into a relationship that they often don’t deal with until there is a problem, making it challenging to have a constructive conversation,” continued Cunningham.

To help facilitate a positive conversation about financial issues, the NFCC recommends the following Do’s and Don’ts of a successful discussion:

- Don’t approach the subject in the heat of battle. Instead, set aside a time that is convenient and non-threatening for both parties.
- Do make it a casual conversation about a serious subject, respecting the fact that each person has valid opinions and concerns.

- Do be honest about your current financial situation. If things have gone south, continuing the same lifestyle that was possible before the change in income is simply unrealistic.
- Do be open to adjusting your lifestyle. If spending cutbacks or second jobs are necessary, resist whining. It’s likely that your situation will be temporary, and you could end up regretting the pity party you hosted.
- Don’t hide income or debt. This is known as financial infidelity. Instead, bring financial documents, including a recent credit report, pay stubs, bank statements, insurance policies, debts and investments to the table.
- Don’t point the finger of blame. That’s a real conversation stopper.
- Do probe to understand long-held financial attitudes, often present since childhood and ingrained by observing how parents addressed money issues.
- Do acknowledge that one may be a saver and one a spender, understanding that there are benefits to both mindsets and agreeing to learn from each other’s tendencies.

Once everything is out in the open, it is time to make decisions about how to handle your finances in the future:

- Do make a plan to deal with any skeletons that came out of the financial closet. Such surprises can greatly compromise your ability to obtain future credit opportunities. Now is the time to deal with them.
- Do construct a new joint budget that includes savings. Emergency situations drop into your life at the most inopportune times. Without a rainy day fund, the financial hole becomes even deeper.
- Do decide which person will be responsible for paying the monthly bills. It is likely that one

- person will be a good fit for this task, while the other finds it burdensome.
- Do allow each person to have independence by setting aside money to be spent at his or her discretion.
  - Do decide upon short-term and long-term goals. It’s ok to have individual goals, but you should have family goals, too.
  - Do talk about loaning money to family members and friends. Decide if it’s something you’re each comfortable with, or should be taboo.
  - Do talk about caring for your parents as they age, and how to appropriately plan for their financial needs, if necessary.

“Court records show that financial stress is one of the main causes of divorce. Taking action now could prevent a disaster later,” commented Cunningham.

For professional assistance working through financial problems that have never been addressed, consider an appointment with a certified consumer credit counselor at an NFCC Member Agency. To be automatically connected to the Agency closest to you, dial (800) 388-2227, or to locate a counselor online go to [www.DebtAdvice.org](http://www.DebtAdvice.org). For assistance in Spanish, dial (800) 682-9832.

The September poll question and results are as follows:

If I were experiencing financial difficulties, I...

would tell my spouse so that we could work together to resolve = 76%

would not tell my spouse, as they have no idea about the debt = 8%

would not tell my spouse, as it would worry them = 9%

would not tell my spouse, as doing so would damage our relationship = 7%

Play the GreenPath Money Search

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- Money Dollars
- Budget Cents
- Savings Greenpath
- Need Credit
- Want Debt
- Income Prioritize
- Expense Cash
- Track



Need Help with Winter Heating Bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for LIHEAP on November 1. This program is designed to provide a one -time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. The program is will assist citizens living within the ten service area: LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren counties in Michigan.

To apply, call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. The phone number is (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777, or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.

Please provide your heating bill, your tribal ID and proof of all household income with:

- 1. Proof of last 30 days of income, including per capita, and/or
- 2. Award letters from SSI, RSDI, Elder’s Stipend, VA, etc., and/or
- 3. Child support received or paid, or
- 4. Completion of zero income form, if those above do not apply.

Income Guidelines are:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$23,446
2	\$30,661
3	\$37,875
4	\$45,089
5	\$52,304
6	\$59,518

For family units of more than 6 members, add \$7,214 for each additional member.

Budgeting for the Holiday Workshop Offered in Four Pokagon Band Communities

- What:** Budgeting for the Holidays – A workshop on personal finance
- When:** Same workshop topic, presented three different times to accommodate different schedules:
- Tuesday, November 15: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
  - Tuesday, November 15: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
  - Saturday, November 19: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Who:** All adult Pokagon Band tribal citizens, spouses/partners and parents of Pokagon Band minor children
- Why:** To strengthen the personal finance skills of Pokagon Band families
- Where:** New location! 415 E. Prairie Ronde. St., Dowagiac, MI (the former National Copper Products building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy streets) Enter from Louise St. (west side of building). Look for yellow signs.

- Where Else:**
- Rock Island Restaurant, 1816 M-40, Holland, MI
  - Saturday, Nov. 12 10:00 am – 12:30 p.m.
  - His Place Hartford Community Center, Hartford,
  - Wednesday, Nov. 16 10:00 – 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
  - South Bend area office, 310 W. McKinley Ave., Suite 300, Mishawaka, IN
  - Thursday, Nov. 16 10:00 – 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm on

**What else?** Each workshop will begin with a short cultural presentation. A light meal will be served.

Every month a different topic on personal finance will be offered. Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: (269) 591-1938 or Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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November Language Workshops

We are honored to invite Frank Barker and Kyle Kovich to join us for November’s language workshops. On Wednesday, November 9, Frank will teach the class

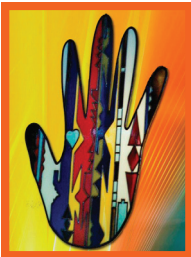
fun and interactive card games that incorporates Potawatomi language. Then on

Saturday, November 26, Kyle will join us to share a lesson on the weather and

telling time. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!

**Frank Barker’s Class**  
Date - Wednesday, Nov. 9  
Time - 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Location - Community Center  
Topic - Card Games

**Kyle Kovich’s Class**  
Date - Saturday, Nov. 26  
Time - 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Location - Tribal Lodge  
Topic - Weather & Time



**Everyone is Invited!**  
If you are interested in learning about Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Contact Information:**  
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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Women’s Drum Practice and Talking Circle

- Dates:**
- November 2, 2011
  - Drumming
  - November 30, 2011
  - Talking Circle

**Time:**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

ALL LADIES AND GIRLS WELCOME!

On November 2, please join us to learn hand drum teachings and songs. If you have a hand drum or rattle please bring it to class, but it is not necessary to participate.

On November 30, a ladies talking circle will be open to share your thoughts and feelings.

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men’s drum class.



Everyone is invited!!

**C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N :**  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: AndyJackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

**Culture**

- 11/5 | Art Therapy & Recovery with Ambrose Peshlakai, Tribal Lodge, 1-4pm
- 11/20 | Blending Christianity & Native Ways with Casey & Lora Church, Tribal Lodge, 2-5pm

**Drumming**

- 11/2 & 11/30 | Men’s Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 11/2 | Women’s Drumming, Tribal Lodge 6-8pm
- 11/30 | Women’s Talking Circle, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

**Language**

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- 11/9 | Language Workshop with Frank Barker, Community Center, 6-8pm
- 11/17 & 11/18 | Language Workshop hosted by Huron Band
- 11/4 & 11/18 | ANA Language Video Conferencing
- 11/26 | Language Workshop with Kyle Kovich,, Tribal Lodge, 1-3pm

**Native Healing**

- 11/21 - 11/23 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 11/23 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

**Native Nations Youth Council**

- 11/5 | Cultural Activity, Art Therapy & Recovery with Ambrose Peshlakai, Tribal Lodge, 1-4pm
- 11/12 | Business Meeting, Community Center, Jr. YC 1pm, Sr. YC 2pm
- 11/13 | Youth Council Concession Stand, Community Center, 11am-4pm

**Pow Wows & Festivals**

- 11/19 & 11/20 | Chicago Pow Wow

**Traditions and Repatriation Committee**

- 11/28 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

**Upcoming Events**

- 12/10 & 12/11 | Brain Tanning Workshop
- 12/17 | Winter Ceremonies

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YC NCAI	2 YC NCAI, Men's & Women's Drumming	3 YC NCAI	4 Lunch & Learn Art Therapy & Recovery (STAFF ONLY), Lan- guage Video Conferencing	5 Cultural Activity Art Therapy, Youth Council Activity
6	7 Elders Language Class	8	9 Language Workshop with Frank Barker	10	11	12 Youth Council Business Meeting
13 Craft Show, Youth Council Concession Stand	14 Elders Language Class	15	16	17 Language Workshop hosted by Huron Band	18 Language Video Conferencing, Language Work- shop hosted by Huron Band	19 Chicago Pow Wow
20 Blending Christianity & Native Ways Chicago Pow Wow	21 Native Healing, Elders Language Class	22 Native Healing, Indianapolis Event	23 Native Healing	24 Thanksgiving Offices Closed	25 Thanksgiving Offices Closed	26 Language Workshop with Kyle Kovich
27	28 Elders Language Class, Trad. & Rep. Meeting	29	30 Men's Drumming, Women's Talking Circle			

### ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

November

**Dates:**  
Every Monday  
November 7  
November 14  
November 21  
November 28

**Time:**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:**  
Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project’s resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



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## Native Healing

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

**Date:** Monday – Wednesday  
November 21 - 23

**Time:** 9 - 12 pm & 1 - 5 pm

**Location:** Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

*Individual Appointments:*  
Monday - Wednesday  
(please bring tobacco).

*Co-ed Sweat Lodge:*  
Wednesday, November 23,  
6pm

*Everyone is invited!*

If you are interested in learning Anishnaabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens

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Elders Council Business Meeting | October 6, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Jim Topash

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Clarence White, A, Audrey Huston, P, left at 12:00 p.m., member-at-large, Ruth Salvidar, P, also in attendance Petey Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** Jim Topash of the Wage and Salary Commission gave a report on the results of the survey that was recently sent to the members. Purpose of the survey was to determine the wages of the Tribal Council and the Judiciary. If the wages are passed, they will go into effect after the next election. Any questions, direct them to jtopash@gmail.com.

Penny Brant gave a talk on education. Penny can be reached at the Education Department if you have any questions.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Kelly Curran presented the Elders Council with black ash baskets in honor of Sovereignty Day.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was announced that Clarence White, our treasurer, was honored by the State of Indiana with the Golden Hoosier award, this is given to an elder that is active in community affairs and other outside interests. Congratulations.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Busses should be here the last of Oct. Indy.Trip was called off.

**MINUTES:** No minutes, Audrey left at 12:00.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Audrey gave the treasurers report. Jeannie moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ruth supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Active Living classes started September 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Jeannie Mollett, Ollie Shaer, Lee Salvidar, Ruth Salvidar.

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Gar & Majel DeMarsh.

Child Identity Theft Quiz

There are many misconceptions about the new, complex issue of child identity theft. The following quiz takes just a few minutes to complete and will help you understand your level of awareness and understanding of child identity theft. Answer true or false to each question, then check your answers against the list of right answers to determine your score and read an explanation of the correct answer.

Child Identity Theft Quiz

Children are at low risk for identity theft.  
True False

Parents don't need to check for child for identity theft until a child is 16.  
True False

A child's credit record is wiped clean when they turn 18.  
True False

It's not a good idea for parents to use a child's Social Security number to apply for loans or bills - even if the parents have bad credit.  
True False

Receiving pre-approved credit offers for your child in the mail is a sign of child identity theft.  
True False

The most common causes of child identity theft are friends and family using a child's Social Security number and criminals selling valuable child Social Security numbers on the black market.  
True False

A child can be born and be a victim of identity theft - prior to birth.  
True False

You can request a credit report to check for signs of child identity theft.  
True False

Detecting child identity theft is very difficult.  
True False

Answers to Identity Theft Probability Check<sup>SM</sup>

- 1. Children are at low risk for identity theft.**  
False - Anyone with a Social Security number assigned to them is at risk for identity theft. Because Social Security numbers are commonly assigned to children at a very young age, even newborn children are at risk for identity theft. In fact, children are 51 times more likely to be a victim of identity theft than an adult.
- 2. Parents don't need to check for child for identity theft until a child is 16.**  
False - The longer child identity theft builds up on a child's record, the longer and more complex the case can be to resolve. Parents should check their child's Social Security number for identity theft starting when they're young, so you can identify signs of fraud and work to clean up their record. If you wait until the child is older, the fraud could impact their ability to get a job, apply for school loans, or get a mobile phone or apartment.
- 3. A child's credit record is wiped clean when they turn 18.**  
False - When a child becomes of age (frequently prior to 18) and starts applying for accounts that review a credit history, the child is held responsible for debts and accounts attached to their Social Security number - regardless of whether they opened the accounts or not. This means that child identity theft has a real impact on a child's future - from getting a job to applying for student loans.
- 4. Parents should never use their child's Social Security number to open accounts (called "Friendly Fraud")."**  
True - Parents should never use their child's Social Security number to open accounts, even if the parent has bad credit. Even if a parent has good intentions, not paying the bills in a timely manner will negatively impact a child's credit and future.

- 5. Receiving pre-approved credit offers for your child in the mail is a sign of child identity theft.**  
True - One of the first signals that a child may be a victim of identity theft is receiving pre-approved credit offers in the mail. If your child ever receives offers like this, you need to further investigate to see if your child is a victim.
- 6. The most common causes of child identity theft are friends and family using a child's Social Security number and criminals selling valuable child Social Security numbers on the black market.**  
True - Criminals find child Social Security numbers to be extremely valuable - because the crime of child identity theft can be difficult to detect. In addition, friends and family using a child's Social Security number (called "Friendly Fraud") is a leading case of child identity theft.
- 7. A child can be born and be a victim of identity theft - prior to birth.**  
True - When Social Security numbers are assigned to children, there is no way to check and see if they have been used by criminals, or by mistake by other adults, to establish a history for the SSN.
- 8. You can request a credit report to check for signs of child identity theft.**  
False - A regular credit report can only detect 1% of child identity theft. This is because credit reports check for a full match of name, birthday, and Social Security number; but child identity theft is most commonly a result of someone using JUST a child's Social Security number; and attaching it to a new name and birthdate.
- 9. Detecting child identity theft is very difficult.**  
False - While child identity theft is a surprising crime, AllClear ID has created a free way for a parent or guardian to check your child's Social Security number to determine if he or she is a victim of identity theft. Visit [www.allclearid.com/child](http://www.allclearid.com/child) for more information on this free service.

Congratulations on taking the time to complete the Identity Theft Risk Check<sup>SM</sup> Quiz. Based on your responses, you are in the one of the following categories of identity theft risk:  
If you answered 8 to 10 questions correctly you are at low-risk for Identity Theft, but don't get complacent. There is always some risk of Identity Theft, so continue to take the necessary precautions.

If you answered 4 to 7 questions correctly you are at medium-risk to be victimized by Identity Theft. Take steps to protect yourself.  
If you answered 1 to 3 questions correctly you are at high-risk to be a victim, if you aren't already. Take steps immediately to protect yourself.

The first large child ID theft report ever conducted showed 10.2% of children in the report had their Social Security number used by someone else. The number of affected children was 51 times higher than the 0.2% adult identity theft rate observed in the same population. This surprising and alarming percentage of children affected by identity theft shows that while parents are concerned about protecting their children from online predators and cyber-bullies, the need to protect their identity is also critical.  
*Source: The Child Identity Theft Report <https://www.allclearid.com/resources/research> was produced by Carnegie Mellon CyLab in partnership with AllClear ID. The report included data from 42,232 children whose identities were scanned during a one-year period from 2009 to 2010.*

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at (269) 782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdel		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band’s Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band’s Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen’s name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band’s Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
857	Peter John Ramirez	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4442	Mason Tyler Currey		

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

\*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
P O Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by October 15 in order to make it on the November check run. Anything received after October 15 will be processed on the check run for December. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.



monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

7 language

Pork Loin  
Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Apple Sauce  
Roll

8

Barbeque Chicken  
Sweet Potato  
Tri-Blend Veggies  
Cottage Cheese  
Peaches  
Roll

14 language

Buffalo Stroganoff W/ Noodles  
Butternut Squash  
Red Coleslaw  
Pudding Cup  
Roll

21 language

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Roast Beef Sandwich  
Relish Tray  
Yogurt Cup

28 language

Turkey Stuffed Peppers  
Green Beans  
Spinach Salad  
Brownies  
Roll

1

Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,  
Tomato, Onion, Beans, and  
Cheese  
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  
Melon Salad

2

Boiled Dinner W/ Beans,  
Sausage, Cabbage, Onion, Corn,  
and Potatoes  
Jell-O W/ Fruit  
Cornbread

3

business

Buffalo Goulash  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit  
Sugar Free Pie  
Cake

4

Fish Square on a Whole  
Wheat Bun  
Red Skin Potato Salad  
Jellied Vegetable Salad  
Fruit

9

Beef Pot Pie  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Ambrosia Salad  
Peanut Butter Cookie  
Roll

16

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cucumber Salad  
Fruit  
Roll

23

Salmon Burger on a Whole  
Wheat Bun  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Fruit

30

Potato Soup  
Shaved Ham Sandwich  
Relish Tray  
Fruit

10

closed

veterans day



17

social

Tomato Tortellini Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Waldorf Salad  
Chocolate Chip Cookie

18

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes and Dressing  
Mixed Veggies  
Cucumbers and Onions  
Pumpkin Pie  
Roll

24 closed | thanksgiving day

25 closed | thanksgiving



© life is good (pete)

november

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

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Kenneth Rader, Vice Chair (269) 876-7797	Ruth Saldivar, Member at Large (269) 214-1279
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Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

- 7 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 8 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 15 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 16 Tribal Council Legislative Session, Community Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Meeting, hotel conference room, noon
- 21 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 22 meeting cancelled
- 28 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 29 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call 1 (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



# November Citizen Announcements

Happy birthday November 10  
to my little cuz **Danielle Rapp**.  
From Bill

Happy birthday November 12  
to my brother **Gerry Lewis**!  
From Bill

Happy birthday November 28  
to my auntie **Margaret Rapp**. Wewene for all you do!  
Love, your nephew, Billy



November 9, Happy Birthday, Little Man Thunder and our miracle baby! We love you lots!



**Rick Rider:** A new Elder!  
Happy Veteran's Day.  
Love, Ma and Dad

To the family of Fred Rader in South Carolina: please contact Aunt Sarah McWhorter regarding Jeramiah, home: (870) 398-5136, cell (870) 223-3806. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
**Jasmine Kamea Rangel**,  
7 years old on  
September 4

**Glenn Josiah Frank Smith**, 6 years old on  
September 16

**Ignacio Francisco Rangel** and **Elicio Lewis Powell-Rangel**, one year old on October 6

**Corey Frank Rangel**, 25 on October 9

**Brittainy Lee Falk Rangel**, 26 on October 31

Happy birthday to all my  
babies! Love you guys!  
Love, Mom and Grandma Kim



## Pokagon Band Sylvan Tutoring Program



**Who:** Pokagon youth grades K–12 who live outside of the 10 county service area, and have a demonstrated need for tutoring.

**What:** Pokagon Band's Sylvan Tutoring is a tribally-funded program designed to serve Pokagon students across the nation who do not have access to the Band's tutoring program in the 10 county service area.

The intent of the program is to serve as many Pokagon K–12 students as possible who have a demonstrated need for tutoring where Sylvan tutoring centers are available.

**When:** Call Conrad Church at the Department of Education (888) 330-1234. We will set up a schedule to help get your student on his or her way to academic excellence.





# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

December 2011

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### Pokagon Band and SMC Kick Off Apprenticeship Program

Six Pokagon Band citizens recently embarked on a learning journey in the Band's new apprenticeship program. Through a partnership with Southwest Michigan College, the program will provide Pokagon Band citizens and spouses with the training—from SMC instructors—necessary to become journeyman carpenters.

The first training semester consists of classes which began November 7 at the Prairie Ronde Realty Co. Business Center in Dowagiac. The classes meet every Monday and Saturday.

"They did a good job getting it together," said Robert Kronewitter, one of the apprentices. "Since I need to be certified to earn better pay, and I like construction, it just makes sense for me. Plus it'll keep the work and money in the tribe, so it's a win-win situation. And they have plenty of building projects coming up."

"This program is a 180-degree difference from other typical apprenticeship programs: we are providing the training, and then linking the apprentices with area companies to provide the on the job education" said Department of Labor representative Richard Overton.

Though this is a tribal initiative, the program meets all the necessary standards as other federal apprenticeship programs, so graduates will have employability in any business or company.

"Essentially we're going to be manufacturing carpenters who will be skilled in their trade and further prepared to become contractors, business owners and employers," said Jim Dybevik, director of human resources for the Band.

A year in the making, this non-traditional approach also departs from the typical college semester format, so that the training takes place from November through March when construction activity typically wanes due to weather



Anthony Foerester, tribal liaison with Christman construction company, and Aaron Closson, the program instructor, welcome the new apprentices to their first class. Photo by Kaity Fuja.

conditions. This allows that participants can be fully engaged working with area construction firms when the weather breaks in the spring and summer. In the future, program organizers will be meeting with the Southwest Michigan Homebuilders Association and the Kalamazoo Homebuilders Association to collaborate in matching carpenters with work opportunities.

"It's a four-year program," said Tim Childs of SMC. "All courses are done to a college-credit standard. They're enrolled in college, leading to a certificate in construction technology."



Victor Newsome gets out his backpack of supplies, provided by the program, and is ready to start class. Photo by Kaity Fuja.



Kimberly Wheeler is one of the six apprentices in the program. Photo by Kaity Fuja.



## Using Technology to Save an Ancient Language

### Webcasting and Videoconferencing Now Offer Language Learning to More Pokagons

For the first time, geography doesn't have to be a barrier to learning the Potawatomi language.

Thanks to a recent purchase of video conferencing equipment, Pokagon Band language learners can now take advantage of even more learning opportunities. Two or three Fridays a month citizens can come to the Community Center to view and participate in language classes broadcast from the Forest County Potawatomi. Jim Thunder (Forest County Potawatomi) teaches the classes.

"It's a fantastic program," said Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture. "Seven of the eight other Potawatomi bands have purchased video conferencing equipment to increase language learning opportunities and network with other Potawatomis. It's a really big deal that everyone has this."

Classes are intended not just for learners, but for those who want to teach Potawatomi. In the morning course work is geared to learners, in the afternoon the focus is on teacher training. The program is funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. The department hopes to utilize the equipment more often in the future.

In addition, learners can participate in twice-monthly Pokagon Band language workshops from their own homes. Different Potawatomi language speakers and presenters facilitate the classes, utilizing webcasting technology to broadcast to anyone with an internet connection.

"We have had requests for more language opportunities from citizens who live outside of driving distance," said Magnuson. "This is an attempt to reach those citizens."

So far three classes have been webcasted, and they will be archived on the website for those who missed the principle broadcast or want to review. The presenters include Lillian Rice, John Winchester, Frank Barker, Thomas Loftis, Kyle Kovich, and Kim Wensaut.

Check the monthly Language and Culture calendars on the website and in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* for specific dates and times for these opportunities.



To view webcasted language classes, visit

[http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Language\\_and\\_Culture\\_Webcast.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Language_and_Culture_Webcast.aspx)



Above, Pokagon Band language students participate in a recent class with Potawatomis in Forest County, thanks to the new videoconferencing technology at the Community Center.



The Education Department recently hosted a party for families in their Nations that Reads program. Everyone who registered and reported books they read combined to read 2011 books, and were invited to celebrate with pizza, an ice cream sundae bar and games. Above, some of the readers play a variation on musical chairs. Stayed tuned for next year's reading program, which might have a more challenging goal!



## Heather Farver and Kyle Malott Nominated for Youth Leadership Award

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The National Congress of American Indians recently held its conference in Portland, Oregon. NCAI is the largest native political organization in the country promoting sovereignty and governmental rights of Native Americans.

NCAI holds three conferences per year, and four Pokagon youth attend each conference. The Tribal Council selects two college students, one male and one female, to attend the event with two members of the Senior Youth Council. Several members of the Tribal Council also attend, and as does Chairman Matt Wesaw holds the position of Secretary on the NCAI Executive Board.

“Our Tribal Council recognizes the need to develop future tribal leaders,” explained Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture. “For that reason, we send students to these conferences to learn leadership skills and develop relationships with other Native Americans from across the country.”



Tribal Council members Steve Winchester and Michaelina Magnuson, center, pose with Pokagon youth delegates, left to right, Alex Wesaw, Kyle Malott, Danielle Rapp and Heather Farver at the recent NCAI Conference in Portland, Oregon.

“We had a phenomenal conference,” said Magnuson. “Not only did we have Pokagons participating in the event, but two of our Youth Council members, Heather Farver and Kyle Malott, were nominated for the Ernie Stevens Junior Leadership Award.”

“It was an honor to be nominated,” said Farver. “Ernie has been a huge advocate for youth in Indian Country, and I hope one day that I will be able to give as much back to my community as Ernie has given to Indian Country.” Farver has attended four NCAI conferences and holds the treasurer position on their Youth Commission.

“There are so many youth out there, making a difference in their community who haven’t had the opportunity to be recognized individually,” stated Farver. “I believe that even though there are only two recipients of this award every year, it is truly a celebration of all youth leaders across Indian Country.”

“Being able to represent the Pokagon Band on a national level is a great honor to me,” said Malott. “I have such a great amount of pride in being a tribal citizen.” At the conference, Malott was able to attend a detailed session about Robert’s Rules of Order, and learned ways to apply them to the Pokagon Youth Council. These rules provide common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking in the same language.

One of the biggest highlights of the conference was having the opportunity to meet with the executive director of Native American Mentors about bringing Big Brothers Big Sisters to the tribe. “This was a very timely meeting,” explained Magnuson. “Our Youth Council recently launched an initiative to bring this program to the Pokagon people.” With funding being a major concern, they were pleased to identify a funding source at NCAI. “This is a huge breakthrough for us, and it is a way for us to give back to our community and help others,” explained Farver.



Ernie Stevens, center, the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, is pictured with Kyle Mallott, left, and Heather Farver, right, who were nominated for the youth leadership award that bears Stevens’ name.

Farver, an intern in human resources with the tribal government, was asked to speak to the youth participants on the topic of professional preparedness. “I discussed the importance of higher education, preparing for college and graduate school, and how to write an effective resume,” said Farver. “Not only was it an honor to be asked to present at this conference, but it was a huge step for me, personally.” Farver has always had a fear of public speaking, but her involvement in NCAI and the Senior Youth Council has challenged her to step out of her comfort zone and gradually overcome this fear.

Other highlights of the conference included having lunch with the executive director and staff members from the National Indian Child Welfare Agency, a performance and motivational speech by Grammy-winning recording artist Star Nayeaa, and hearing Dirk Whitebreast’s inspirational story of running multiple marathons for suicide prevention.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

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Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
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## Beat the Holiday Weight Gain

It's incredible to think that the year is coming to an end and the holidays are here. Along with those thoughts of shopping, going to parties, wrapping gifts, and meals on the run, many of us will have the nagging thought of unwanted pounds. By following these little tips, perhaps you will make it through the season with fewer pounds gained, and maybe a little less stressed, happier and healthier.

1. **Psyche yourself up:** don't allow for expansion—wear your snugest clothes that don't allow your waist to expand. Leave the sweat pants in the closet.
2. **Keep your back to the food.** Don't stand and watch the buffet table at parties, or even stand close to it. Scan the table for three to four things you will enjoy eating and save the highest calorie food for the last. You may have less chance of overeating. Go for the protein foods as they are more filling, higher in iron, but leave off the sauces or cheese for lower calorie results.
3. **Pace yourself.** Eat slowly by taking smaller bites, chewing and swallowing thoroughly, drinking water between bites, or even putting the fork down. Wolfing down food usually equals an additional seventy calories for just one meal. This can add up to about a one pound weight gain in just 45 days alone.
4. **Write it down.** According to the National Weight Loss Registry, the more food records a person kept, the more weight lost. E-mail to yourself what you ate at work during the day or use [www. MyPyramid.gov](http://www.MyPyramid.gov) food tracker to help you keep a food diary.

5. **Get moving.** We all know: calories in and calories out. Think of exercising in minutes. Ten minutes is better than nothing, and three ten-minute sessions a day equals a thirty minute workout
6. **Liquid calories count.** These can really sneak up on a person. Eggnog, coffee drinks with whipped cream, hot toddies, and spiced rum can all have as many calories as a personal-sized pan pizza! In addition, many of them are just calories without any nutritional value in them at all
7. **FIBER!** Think about eating five to 11 fruit and vegetable servings a day before you let yourself indulge in high, empty calorie holiday treats. If it works out for you, you may not have anything to lose that second week of January.

Beat the holiday mindless eating trend, and join us at the Hopkins Community Library in Hopkins, Michigan, Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. for a Life's Balance Management Program. Please call Susan Gundersen, RD, CD at (888) 440-1234 to register for this program. Class is limited to ten people.

Good health is the best gift we can give ourselves. Happy Holidays!

## The Band's Buses Have Arrived

The Pokagon Band's buses came rolling in to their new home last month. The two—one holds 18 passengers, two of which can be in wheel chairs, and the other holds 34, with two wheel chair spaces—are ready for their first trip.

The buses, purchased with an Indian transportation grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, were custom built locally by the Holland Bus Company from Holland, Michigan. They are universally accessible with lifts and extra large bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs, and feature upgraded seating and amenities—like a DVD player—for longer trips.



## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

December

### Dates:

Every Monday  
December 5th  
December 12th  
December 19th  
**December 26th - No Class**  
*(Holiday, Offices Closed)*  
December 27th - Make-up Day

### Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



### Contact Information:

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### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

## Rock Island Family Restaurant Offers Something for Everyone

by Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

For the past 35 years, Rock Island Family Restaurant, located near I-196 and M-40 in Holland, Michigan, has been serving up family favorites to their diners. Five years ago, the establishment changed ownership when it was purchased by tribal citizen Conrad Church and his wife, Kathy.

“Kathy was the general manager prior to us purchasing the business, and she continues to manage it today,” explains Conrad. “Having previously worked for Herman Miller, the restaurant business is new to me.”

The menu features a variety of entrees made from old family recipes including a taco platter, burrito, steak, pot roast, and homemade bread pudding. “We acquired many family recipes when we purchased the restaurant,” explained Conrad. “Our entrees are just like homemade, and we have added some new dishes to the menu as well.” With so many items to choose from, Conrad finds it hard to choose just one favorite. “The fried chicken is excellent, but our burrito is really good too.”

The restaurant employs twenty people including their children, Cassandra and Collin. Cassandra is a server, and Collin handles the marketing and computers. Their busiest time of year falls during the summer months when tourism is at a peak and during Tulip Time. We draw a number of tourists and truck drivers because we are located so close to the expressway,” said Conrad.

The Churchs have expanded the business in the past few years by offering catering and fundraising services. “We have catered a few tribal events including the Wellness Gathering and the employee picnic,” said Conrad. “Additionally, we have catered some local weddings and supplied sub sandwiches for school fundraisers.” Area schools like to work with their restaurant because they are supporting a local business instead of ordering subs through a larger company out of the area. Another area of expansion includes selling deli-style sandwiches like local convenience stores.

The Churchs promote their restaurant through advertisements in the local newspapers, sponsoring sports teams, and by holding theme weeks around

holidays. “The week prior to Halloween, we had a Pirate Day and a Sports Day to mark the occasion,” said Conrad. Diners enjoyed good food while having some family fun.

The Church family resides in Allegan County, and they are currently hosting an exchange student from China. “We are always happy to welcome new customers to our restaurant, and we aim to keep our regulars happy,” explains Conrad. “Because we are not tied to a restaurant chain, we have the flexibility to customize menu items to meet the needs of our diners.” If you find yourself in the Holland area, stop in for an excellent meal while supporting a fellow Pokagon.

**Rock Island Family Restaurant**  
**1816 M-40**  
**Holland, Michigan**  
**(616) 392-1515**

The Pokagon Band

### Annual Childrens Christmas Party Saturday, December 17

Wonderland Cinema  
 402 North Front Street  
 Niles, MI 49120

Admission begins at 8:50 a.m.  
 Movie begins at 9:35 a.m.

M-89 Cinema  
 Cross Oaks Mall  
 Plainwell, MI 49080

Admission begins at 8:50 a.m.  
 Movie begins at 9:35 a.m.

- ✶ We will provide the movie ticket, popcorn and pop!
- ✶ Please note this movie is rated PG.
- ✶ Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- ✶ Limit of two adults per family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth 18 years and younger.

A limited number of tickets will be available for the next showing if there is an overflow.

The movies will still be shown on December 17, regardless of weather but please use good judgment in driving in case of bad weather.

Questions?  
 Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S POKAGON BAND TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD.



## Native Healing

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

Date: Monday– Wednesday  
 December: 12-14, 2011  
 Time: 9:00-12:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm  
 Location: Teaching Cabin  
 Rogers Lake  
 58620 Sink Road  
 Dowagiac, Mi. 49047

Individual Appointments: Monday-  
 Wednesday (please bring tobacco).  
 Co-ed sweat lodge on Wednesday  
 evening at 6:00pm

Co-ed Sweat Lodge:  
 Tuesday, Dec.13th, 6p.m.

Everyone is invited!  
 If you are interested in learning Neshnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Contact Information:  
 Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
 Office: 269-462-4261  
 E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov





## Supplemental Heating Program Accepting Applications Beginning December 5

For the sixth year the Social Services Department will provide supplemental heating assistance, and will begin accepting applications December 5. This program will provide a credit of \$225 per eligible household to help with high energy costs. The Supplemental Heating Program provides assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States; the program is not limited to the ten-county service area.

The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation. A second payment is not anticipated this year.

To apply, call the department for an application at (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777, or visit the office at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Items you will need to fill out the application are:

- Proof of all household income:
  - proof of income for last 30 days, and/or
  - award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc.), and/or
  - child support received or paid, or
  - completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office or website) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID card

Income Guidelines are:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,000
2	\$43,000
3	\$50,000
4	\$57,000
5	\$64,000
6	\$71,000



An application may also be obtained from the Pokagon website at [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Supplemental\\_Heating\\_Program.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Supplemental_Heating_Program.aspx)

## Summer College Intern Program Gears Up

Tribal citizens attending college are eligible for a paid eight-week summer internship with various tribal offices in Dowagiac, Michigan. Possible placements include the following departments: Department of Housing, Department of Health Services, Information Technology, Department of Social Services, Human Resources, Education (K-12), Education (Higher Education), Natural Resources, Department of Finance, Tribal Court, Department of Communications, Tribal Police, and the Department of Language and Culture.

Pokagon citizens who will be continuing college in the fall and who have completed at least one semester (12 credits) by June 4, 2012 are invited to apply. This can include dual/enrollment credit. Applicants must also be at least eighteen years old by June 4, 2011. Qualified applicants who were not interns last summer will be given first preference.

Selected candidates must pass a background check and a pre-employment drug screening. Candidates must be able to make arrangements to submit to a background check and drug testing in Dowagiac by January 30, 2012. Interns will earn \$10/hour, a monthly housing allowance of \$400, a clothing allowance of \$300 and mileage reimbursement of up to \$225 monthly.

Interested citizens can receive more information by contacting the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234.



Download an application at the Pokagon Band website at: <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Departments/Education/>



The Four Winds New Buffalo hotel and convention center expansion project met its first major milestone on November 12: completion of the structural steel and concrete structures, including raising both the Pokagon Band and the United States flags. A "topping out" ceremony was held that afternoon. Tribal citizens and workers in attendance included Jimmy Wesaw, David Mix, Steve Smedburg and Richard Rininger.

**POKAGON BAND DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

## Women's Drum Practice and Talking Circle

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**Ladies, Come and Join the Circle**

**December 12 we will be having**

**Beatrice Jackson in our community to share her drum teachings with us.**

**Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men's drum class.**

**Talking circle is a time to share our personal stories and help each other with our cultural teachings. We will be meeting at the long house.**

**Everyone is invited!**

**If you are interested in learning neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.**

**Date:**  
**December 12, 2011**

**Drumming**  
**December 28, 2011**

**Talking Circle**

**Time:**  
**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Location:**  
**Tribal Lodge**  
**58620 Sink Road**  
**Dowagiac, MI**

**Contact Information:**  
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## STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math—Program Launched

The push is on across the country to make the STEM subjects more approachable and less intimidating. According to a July 2011 report by the U.S. Department of Commerce, STEM occupations are projected to grow by 17 percent from 2008 to 2018, compared to a 9.8 percent growth for non-STEM occupations. STEM workers command higher wages, earning 26 percent more than their non-STEM counterparts.

The K–12 Program is approaching STEM from several directions, including staff knowledge, family involvement, and student participation. On September 30, Dr. Amanda Serenevy, director of Riverbend Community Math Center in South Bend, met with the K–12 staff for the professional development she offers to many South Bend area teachers. During the Parent Expo on October 22, she taught students and families about origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding to create paper sculptures that involves geometry. On Friday, November 4, staff had the second training with her, where we refreshed additional math skills. The next day Dr. Serenevy joined with families at an afternoon

workshop the Community Center studying the effects of vibration and amplitude, more involved origami, and creating “fractional cookies” using triangles and hexagons to form patterns with cookie dough. On November 12 Conrad Church led a STEM Science of Swimming event at the Allegan Aquatic Center, exploring buoyancy.

If this doesn’t sound like math and science classes the way you were taught, you are probably right! Educators are using more creative and engaging methods to teach STEM subjects, helping the students to see the everyday impact of these subjects.

School districts are incorporating more STEM programming, and the Pokagon Band’s K–12 Program is doing the same. Our planning flourishes when we include input from the families and students within the K–12 Program. Please feel free to contact Conrad Church at (269) 782-0887, (888) 330-1234, or [conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov) with information about what interests you. What workshop would you like to see? Let’s continue growing the STEM program together!



Above and above right, Pokagon students work on understanding vibrations and geometry at a STEM event. Right, swimmers experienced hydrophysics first hand in the pool.



# Christmas Basket Distribution

Distribution will begin **Thursday, December 15** and run through **Sunday, December 18** at the Commodity Building, 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, Michigan.

## Hours of distribution:

- ☿ **December 15** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.\*
- ★ **December 16** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.\*
- ☿ **December 17** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.\*
- ☿ **December 18** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.\*

\*Note: After December 15, dates and times are dependent on basket availability.

Call for more information  
(269) 782-3372 or (888) 281-1111

**1,200 baskets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Families with 1–4 household members receive 1 basket.  
Families with 5–8 receive 2 baskets.  
Families over 9 receive 3 baskets.

You may pick up no more than 4 baskets for other citizens with a written & signed permission slip.

## Chairman's Corner

Hello everyone. It continues to be a busy time for Tribal Council and staff. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the dedication and efforts of everyone who continue to work in the best interests of our tribal citizens.

Thanksgiving will have passed by the time the newsletter reaches your household, but I hope your celebration was everything you had hoped, and I truly hope you have reasons to be thankful. As you move into the Christmas season, I pray it brings joy and happiness to you and your families.

Many of you have heard the tribe received an invitation from the Lt. Governor of Indiana to display various cultural and traditional activities at the Statehouse. On Tuesday, November 22 we were scheduled to be personally welcomed by the Lt. Governor, Becky Skillman. While I was writing this article the administration learned of a major demonstration that was going to occur at the Capitol that entire day. Due to the expected number of participants and the fact that this group has demonstrated before, it was decided to cancel the event for the safety of our citizens. I know based on the work that went into the event that this is a great disappointment. Instead, staff planned a mini pow wow at the Community Center for our citizens and staff on that day. I would like to extend my thanks to Council members John Warren, Alice Overly, and Steve Winchester for their efforts and Jason Wesaw, government manager, for orchestrating all of the activities. Last but not least, the tribal citizens who were involved in sharing all deserve a chi-migwetch. We hope to reschedule the event at the Capitol in the near future.

Council was treated to a rare opportunity of listening to six of our fluent Potawatomi speakers recently. They were invited to meet with Council to discuss what steps we could take to help preserve

the language. It was a very positive meeting and I think several good ideas were identified. Council will continue to support the efforts of our language director Teresa Magnuson in developing strong language program.

I was privileged to attend an event featuring a Navajo Code Talker with several of our Pokagon veterans. Samuel F. Sandoval, U.S. Marine Corps. was one of 420 Code Talkers during WWII. He is now one of about 50 who are still living. He spoke of life on the reservation as a young man and his stint in the Marine Corps. He went through twenty weeks of training to learn what the military needed identified and to make sure everyone was using the same terms. A museum is being built at this time to honor their unit and is scheduled to be completed in 2014. It will be located on the Navajo reservation. Our head veteran Anthony Forrester presented Mr. Sandoval with a Pokagon Veteran Coin. Others veterans in attendance were Jason M. Wesaw, Scott Brewer, Derek Brunnell, and our housing director Jim Coleman. It was an honor to meet and listen to Mr. Samuel Sandoval. As I have said many times, it shouldn't be just on Veterans Day that we honor our veterans. If it wasn't for their service we wouldn't have the freedoms we have today. Thank all of you for your service.

For those who may not have heard, our government manager Jason Wesaw has worked out an agreement with the Sylvan Learning Center for tutoring services to our citizens in need. Hopefully this service will be successful and provide the assistance that some of our citizens need to advance their learning.

During the annual NCAI meeting held in Portland, Oregon, two of our young future leaders were nominated for youth leadership awards. Kyle Malott and Heather Farver were nominated from the group



Chairman Wesaw met with President Obama in October during a presidential trip through Holland, Michigan.

of Pokagon young people who attended. While they didn't receive the award, our future leaders continue to be recognized for their character and work ethic. Congratulations to both for being nominated and recognized by your peers.

Lastly, Council is in the process of reviewing the Revenue Allocation Plan. It was discussed at the November Saturday meeting and will be discussed again during the December meeting. Council is looking for your input. Council feels that the formula can be adjusted to increase the amount of the monthly stipend. We must remember that we are still working with a fixed amount each month based on financing documents. This must be carefully planned so that we don't create a situation where we can't properly fund citizen services. Council looks forward to your comments, please attend the next council meeting.

My door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello.

## Are You a Savvy Holiday Shopper?

Retailers have their red mark-down pens out earlier than usual this year, meaning that many consumers will begin taking advantage of bargains in advance of the traditional Black Friday rush.

As consumers hit the malls this holiday season, some are experienced shoppers, having weathered many years of finding just the right gift at just the right price. Nonetheless, whether novice or seasoned veteran, it's always smart to arm yourself with timely shopping tips.

The National Foundation for Credit Counseling reminds consumers of five things not to do at the mall:

- Do not carry your checkbook or more credit cards than you will use during that shopping trip. If your wallet is lost or stolen, this will limit the damage. Tip: Make a copy of the front and back of all credit cards, and put the list in a safe place at home. In an emergency, you will have easy access to a list of all your cards, the account numbers, and the bank's Customer Service number to report the incident.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash. Even if you are committed to paying for your purchases with cash, be aware that pick-pockets take advantage of crowded areas and distracted people. Tip: Instead, make frequent trips to the ATM to replenish your stash of cash. Or, consider using your debit card for transactions, being sure to hang onto receipts and record in your check register to avoid overdrafts.
- Do not shop while in a hurry or at the last minute. You'll end up spending more than you should simply to be able to mark the item off your list. Tip: Block out a specific time for shopping. Make your first trip a leisurely one, simply getting an idea of what's available this year and at what price. Take notes, and once back at home, get organized for the actual buying adventure.

- Do not shop without a list. Santa thinks it's a useful tool, and so should we. Tip: Make your list specific. Don't just include the names of those for whom you need to purchase a gift, but also include the specific item you're looking for, and most importantly, the amount you intend to spend. Having an overall holiday budget floating around in your head isn't good enough. Without a plan, you'll likely get caught up in the hype and overspend in the blink of an eye.
- Do not pile new debt on top of old. Some people are still paying for 2010 holiday expenses as they enter the 2011 buying season. Don't make your financial situation worse by being one of them. Tip: Think about it, you're buying for friends and relatives who will be the first to understand if you need to cut back. If you are in a tenuous financial situation, it will only be made worse through irresponsible spending. Consider writing a heartfelt note to those on your list, being sincere about your feelings toward them and why they mean so much to you. Most people can't recall what they received last Christmas, but this will be a treasured gift remembered for years to come.

The holidays can be particularly difficult for those unemployed or facing foreclosure. However, even if your situation is not that serious, we're living in tough economic times, and no one should be spending money they don't have. Being financially responsible this holiday season is a gift to yourself and to those you care about.

If you need help creating a holiday budget or paying off an existing debt load, don't delay reaching out for help. To be automatically connected to the NFCC Member Agency closest to you, dial toll free to (800) 388-2227, or go online to [www.DebtAdvice.org](http://www.DebtAdvice.org).

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## Department of Education Updates and Announcements

### Pokagon Adult Education/ GED Lab

**Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30–8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays/ Thursdays 10:00 a.m.–12noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

The Pokagon Adult Education / GED Lab allows tribal citizens ages 18 and over the opportunity to work at their pace on GED attainment and completion of other courses by using ODYSSEYWARE, an Internet-based curriculum. When a tribal citizen starts working on the program, Department of Education staff will work to tailor-fit each student's learning needs. Students who are working on the attainment of a GED will be eligible for the Pokagon Band GED Assistance program, which will pay for GED testing, provide gas cards for travel to and from the lab, help provide other supplies. During lab hours, drop-in tutoring will also be available.

Tribal citizens with access to the Internet who are interested in utilizing the ODYSSEYWARE program outside of the computer lab can also work on GED attainment at their own pace in their own homes.

Interested tribal citizens can contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 to set-up initial testing or attend any lab to start the process.

### Important FAFSA Information for College Students

In order to be considered eligible for most financial aid opportunities, including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, or FAFSA.

Students can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1. We recommend you apply as early as you can. Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you cannot apply until January 1, you can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this PIN # to sign your application, and receiving the number early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Beware of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.

✉ The official website to apply for the FAFSA is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Need help in filling out the FAFSA? Some resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process.

✉ The website is [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org)

- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.

### Interested in Applying for College?

College Horizons is a pre-college program for Native American high school students open to sophomores and juniors. Each summer, students work with college admissions officers, college counselors, essay specialists, and other educators in a six-day college admissions workshop focused on understanding the college admissions/application process. Two locations are available: Kenyon College (Gambier, OH), June 10-15, 2012 or University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), June 24-29, 2012. Space is limited and the deadline to apply is February 6, 2012. Apply at [collegehorizons.org](http://collegehorizons.org).

### Remember Us Over the Winter Break!

The Department of Education—including your library—is open during winter break. If your students are catching up on homework, working ahead toward a project or come up against a wall with a question, please feel free to call us or come by the office. We have great resources here and staff who is always glad to give a hand. And, you are always welcome to come in and search through the library for just that right book!

### K-12 Reimbursements

Don't forget to turn in the receipts for school related expenses. The basic yearly reimbursement (up to \$50) covers pre-K through grade 12. The High School Success program covers a few more of the expenses relating to graduation and preparation for college, such as one ACT/SAT test, up to \$100 in college entrance fees, and the basic cap and gown. This money is available to all Pokagon Pre-K – 12 grade students. Contact Connie at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 with questions.

### Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Department of Language & Culture

## MEN'S & BOY'S DRUMMING CLASS

#### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Office: 269-462-4261



**Dates:**  
Wednesday—December  
Wednesday—December

**Time:**  
6:00pm—8:00pm

**Location:**  
Teaching Cabin  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



**Everyone is invited!**  
If you are interested in learning Nishnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens

**Calling all men & boys that are interested in learning how to drum! John T. Warren will be sharing drum teachings, pow wow singing, and drumming techniques. Please come and join us for an evening filled with traditional drum teachings, singing, and drumming**

Culture

- 12/10 & 12/11 | Hide Tanning Workshop, Andy Jackson’s House 10am
- 12/28 | Talking Circle with Cleora Morseau, Long House, 6pm

Drumming

- 12/7 & 12/28 | Men’s Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 12/12 | Women’s Hand Drumming with Bea Jackson, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Language

- Mondays & 12/27 | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- 12/2 & 12/9 | Language Video Conferencing, Community Center, 8-5pm
- 12/14 | Language Class with Frank Barker, Community Center, 6-8pm
- 12/8 | Language Class with Thomas Loftis, Community Center, 6-8pm

Native Healing

- 12/12-12/14 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 12/13 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

Native Nations Youth Council

- 12/10 & 12/11 | Cultural Activity, Hide Tanning Workshop, Andy Jackson’s House 10am
- 12/3 | Business Meeting, Finance Conference Room, Sr. YC at 12pm, Lunch at 1pm, Jr. YC at 2pm

Pow Wows & Festivals

- 12/10 | GR Native American Women’s Gathering Program 9-5pm
- 12/21 | Winter Solstice Featuring Joanne Shenandoah, Detroit, MI, 6-9pm

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- TBA, check website after 11/28/11 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm.
- 12/17 | Winter Ceremonies, Rodgers Lake, Long house, 6pm

# December 2011

## Department of Language and Culture

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YC & Cultural Activity Hide Tanning Workshop	Elder’s Language Class; Native Healing; Women’s Drumming with Bea Jackson	Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Native Healing	Native Healing; Language Class with Frank Barker (Webcasted)	Mastermind (Staff Only)		Traditions & Repatriations Winter Ceremonies
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Elder’s Language Class		NIEA hosts Winter Solstice featuring Joanne Shenandoah		Offices Closed	Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Offices Closed Elder’s Language Class (Canceled)	Elder’s Language Class	Talking Circle with Cleora Morseau; Men’s Drumming		Offices Closed	New Years Eve



## Elders Council Business Meeting | November 10, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Audrey Huston, 11:04 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, A; Clarence White, P; Audrey Huston, P; Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance: Petey Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** The Arts and Craft show will be held November 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Basket making has started. Contact Petey for the times. There will no basket making in December due to other commitments.

The election results were announced, Maxine Margiotta is the new Vice-Chair, and Clarence White is treasurer.

The Christmas gift exchange will be held December 15, 2011, \$10.00 gift for men, \$10.00 gift for women. Petey explained that the LIHEAP applications are in.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Faye Magnuson asked if anything had been done for the Veterans. As of yet nothing has been done. \$500.00 was allotted to this project; they would like to

have sweat pants and socks. We will purchase the sweat pants and put a box in Elders Hall for socks. November 18, 2011 is the deadline. Bonnie Parrish gave a report on MIEA and NICOA. Not sure where NICOA will be held. MIEA thanked us for our donation. The Pokagon Band will be the host for the 2013 MIEA Conference. Would like some ideas as to how things should be done.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Stanley would like the Elders to have a 50s/ 60s type of reunion: 50s /60s type music, refreshments, balloons in your school colors, and streamers. Let us know if you like this idea. They might be able to get Bob Linn to play.

A question was asked about why there is no lighting where you turn into the Edawat complex. Work orders have been put in, and nothing has been done about it.

Another question was why they changed the Dental plan, and did not notify us. Patients of Dr. Cripe can now go to him at the Clinic.

People who have been at staying at the campground claim there is no police presence at night.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The buses have arrived. Polo shirts are still being worked on.

**MINUTES:** Clarence moved to accept the Oct. 6, 2011 minutes, Ruth supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ruth moved to accept the Treasurers report, Audrey supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Active Living classes started September 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Jackie Trux, Susan Laursen, Evelyn Miller, Fred Klemm, Margaret Rapp, Stanley Morseau, Gar DeMarsh, Faye Magnuson.

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Clarence & Jenny White (35 years), Ken & Essye Kirvan (20 years), Gus & Dorothy Gwil.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:50 p.m.

## Financial Empowerment Workshop



During October the Community Financial Empowerment program presented workshops on Why We Buy: The Psychology of Spending on three separate occasions, helping participants understand needs verses wants and how advertising works.



Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdel		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

\*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment Office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
P O Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by December 15 in order to make it on the January check run. Anything received after December 15 will be processed on the check run for February. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.



monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

# december

5 language

Bean Soup  
Low Sodium Turkey Sandwich  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Melon Slices

6

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and  
Cheese Casserole  
Cucumber Salad  
Peaches  
Cornbread

7

Brats with Whole Wheat Bun  
and Sauerkraut  
Red Potato Salad  
Tomato Salad  
Blueberry Pie

8

Salmon Patties  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Garden Salad  
Spinach  
Pineapple and Cottage Cheese  
Roll

9

Buffalo Chili  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Fresh Fruit  
Cornbread

12 language

Swedish Meatballs  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Roll

13

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Baked Potato Fries  
Raw Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit

14

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Garden Salad  
Cookie

15 social

Prime Rib  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Tiramisu Cake  
Roll

16

Tuna Macaroni Salad W/ Peas  
Lettuce and Tomato  
Whole Wheat Crackers  
Sherbet Cup

19 language

Chicken Gumbo Soup  
Red Coleslaw  
Fruit Salad  
Cornbread

20

Pork Chops  
Baked Potato  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Roll

21

Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Peas  
Sliced Tomatoes and Cottage  
Cheese  
Roll

22

Buffalo Tacos W/ Shredded  
Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, On-  
ion, Beans and Salsa  
Soft or Hard Taco Shell  
Fruit Salad

23 closed | christmas



26 closed | christmas



27

Baked Fish Square on a Bun  
Assorted Veggie tray  
Macaroni Salad  
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup

28

Barbeque Bean Bake W/ Buffalo  
Tomato Salad  
Brownie  
Roll

29

Turkey Manhattan on Bread  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tri-Blend Veggies  
Coleslaw

30 closed | new years

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.  
Business meetings are held at the Community Center.

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Tribal Council December Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 14 Tribal Council Legislative Session, Community Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 26 Tribal Council Meeting, cancelled
- 27 Gaming Authority Meeting, cancelled

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.



## December Citizen Announcements



Happy 22nd birthday **Garrison H. Grubb**  
From your family  
Really? A cookie cake?



Audrey Huston (pictured with her new friend, comedian Harley Worthit) and the elders enjoyed their recent trip to Branson, Missouri.

## Brain Tanning Workshop Part Two



*Bob Berdad scraping a hide*

This is a messy job so it is recommended that you wear old clothing, and also bring a change of clothes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

Please call ahead to register we have limited space available.

We'll be brain tanning deer hides with Bob Frank, John Winchester, and Mike Jackson

**Date:** December 10 & 11, 2011

**Time:** 10-?

**Location:** Andy Jackson's home

33701 Middle Crossing Rd.

Eau Claire, Michigan

**Contact Information:**  
**Andy Jackson**

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